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Tragedy fails to stop hatred

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Arabs and Jews worked shoulder to shoulder in a 24-hour rescue operation that ended Sunday afternoon with the removal of at least 23 dead and 22 injured from an Arab coffeehouse in East Jerusalem that was buried under a mudslide Saturday.

But the human solidarity shown in face of tragedy did not last. Some Arabs objected to victims being taken to Jewish hospitals in western Jerusalem. Some Magen David Adom ambulances were stoned.

The disaster occurred Saturday afternoon, when the roof of the A-Rawda Cafe on Sultan Suleiman Street in East Jerusalem collapsed suddenly under the weight of accumulated snow, mud and debris that breached the stone retaining wall of an adjacent cemetery.

The tragedy was attributed to the record snowstorm that has blanketed Jerusalem, reputedly the worst in more than a century.

Civil defence and army rescue teams went to work removing stone blocks from the wrecked cemetery walls, whose weight crushed the cafe roof like an avalanche.

Local Arabs pitched in without question or discussion as the muezzin on a nearby mosque called the faithful to prayers and ambulances carrying the injured raced from the scene.

The cries of pain and fear were heard at first. But as the last survivor was removed, silence fell.

Relatives of the victims who had tried vainly to remove rubble themselves stood behind police barriers praying for miracles.

Arabs stoned ambulances

Only Abed Saleima, son of the proprietor, could claim one. Shortly before 5 p.m. Saturday, his father sent him outside to check on a strange noise.

He had only just walked out when hundreds of tons of mud and stones poured down on the 50 people believed to be inside the 55-year-old building at the time. Saleima saw his father's body pulled out hours later.

Rescue teams of Jews and Arabs worked through the night and the following day. But their common objective was not enough to overcome years of animosity.

The families of some victims, supported by Arab doctors, tried to prevent Magen David Adom ambulances from taking the injured to Israeli hospitals, like the specially equipped emergency room of the Hadassah Medical Centre in Ein Kerem.

The families wanted them treated at Mokassed Hospital in East Jerusalem, an Arab hospital not as well equipped.

"They are fighting a war of politics and honor," said MDA official Ran Zehavi, "while we are fighting the war of the wounded."

As the rescue teams were at work, three Israeli vehicles were set on fire in nearby streets. The Israeli rescue teams were stoned from the Old City walls as they left the disaster site.

President Chaim Herzog and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir sent messages of condolences to Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem to convey to the families of the dead and injured.

On Sunday, city engineers began inspecting neighboring buildings for potentially dangerous conditions.

Jerusalemites trudge through snow that has created havoc in the Holy Land.

Winter storm blamed for deaths, destruction

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

A new winter storm, described as the worst in many years, cut a swath of death and destruction across Israel last week.

Jerusalem was paralyzed by a record snowfall, which forced the Knesset to postpone an important vote.

Much of the rest of the country was immobilized by ice, snow, hail and torrential rains that blocked roads. Downed power lines could not be reached for repairs.

The storm caused at least two deaths. An Israel Defence Force soldier, identified as Sgt. Maj. Abed Kadder, was fatally injured when his jeep was overturned by a flash flood near Yardena, in the Beit She'an Valley. Kadder was flown to Rambam Hospital in Haifa, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. And at Kibbutz Sdot Yam, the body of a 5-year-old boy was found after nearly seven feet of water was pumped from a drainage ditch into which he apparently fell.

Police in the Haifa area were searching Tuesday for two teenagers who were feared to be flash-flood victims. They failed to return home after the storm struck Monday.

The extent of damage and destruction could not be estimated immediately because most of Galilee and the Golan Heights were isolated from the rest of the country.

Israel Radio reported a high toll of livestock. Dozens of heads of cattle were killed when the roof of a dairy collapsed under the weight of snow at Moshav Nof on the Golan Heights.

Elsewhere in the country, similar incidents claimed thousands of chickens and hundreds of acres of hothouse flowers. Fish harvests were devastated as growth ponds froze over.

Police said at least 47 main roads and highways — a record number — were closed to traffic either because of severe flooding, deep snowdrifts or damaged bridges.

They included the heavily traveled Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway. The drive normally takes 45 or 50 minutes. But many motorists caught by the storm late Monday found themselves stranded for up to seven hours.

Air force helicopters plucked some stranded motorists from vehicles caught in floodwaters that turned large stretches of road into lakes.

In the Haifa Bay area, the navy used rubber dinghies to rescue people. The normally sluggish Kishon River overflowed its banks, putting the Kfar Ata residential and industrial area under nearly seven feet of water.

Continuous rain and runoff from the surrounding hills raised the level of Lake Kinneret faster than the open sluice gates at the entry of the Jordan River could lower it.

Jerusalem, probably harder hit than any of the major cities, was buried by a relentless blizzard, described as the worst since the Turks started keeping records at the turn of the century. All schools and most shops were closed. Weddings and funerals were cancelled.

Bonds downsizes Winnipeg office

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The State of Israel Bonds organization has downsized its Winnipeg office and laid off executive director David Wilder. Wilder's last day was Feb. 21.

Bonds' Toronto-based national executive vice-president, Charlie Diamond, explained the move as a cost-cutting measure. "Our charter from the Knesset says we have to keep our operating costs below 6 percent of what we raise," he said.

"Winnipeg's operating costs were 15 percent. We had to do something. New York wanted us to close the office entirely but we argued it was very important to maintain a presence in Canada's fourth or fifth largest Jewish community. We downsized instead."

Diamond noted the national office in Montreal and the Toronto office have also been downsized. "We are looking at different things across the board," he says.

One of the problems in Winnipeg has been the difficulty of finding a bank to help finance a $1-million note. There have been people in the community willing to buy $1-million notes but no bank has as yet agreed to cooperate. Diamond and Dr. Meyer Nimchonok, chairman of the board of governors in Winnipeg, are both confident that matter will be resolved soon.

"We are hopeful now that interest rates in Canada have dropped closer to American levels that people will see Israel Bonds for the good investment vehicles they are," says Nimchonok. "It's an investment in our people's future."

The Winnipeg Bond office will continue to operate with its administrative assistant, Jackie Pelland, on staff. As well, Diamond has committed himself to working closely with the Bond lay leadership in Winnipeg.

"The Winnipeg community is fortunate to have some very dedicated and committed volunteers who have offered to step up their efforts to promote the sale of State of Israel Bonds," the organization announced. "Leading this effort is Dr. Meyer Nimchonok."

As for Wilder, who had been the executive director for more than six years, he is considering returning to Jewish education or synagogue work. He is a former director of the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue's United Synagogue Youth program.

BULLETIN

In a late-breaking development, Richmond Hill's Shaareh Haim Synagogue and the Royal Bank of Canada have reached an agreement on a financial restructuring of the synagogue's debt.

An announcement from the synagogue says the deal will allow it to stay open. It says the bank has accepted a proposal that will also enable a campus of United Synagogue Day School (USDS) in the shul to stay functional.

Full details of the restructuring package will be reported in next week's *CJN*.

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Federation, CJC reach agreement on responsibilities

By
PAUL LUNGEN

Eric Slavens

TORONTO —

Agreement has been reached in Toronto over the recommendations of the Lithwick report on the division of responsibilities between the local federation and Canadian Jewish Congress.

The Ontario region of Congress and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT) recently came to an understanding that will see the federation assume the full responsibility for funding and staffing cultural committees that include those dealing with Yiddish, archives and the Holocaust.

Implementation of the agreement would see the end of the labyrinthine funding mechanism under which the federation raises funds (through its annual United Jewish Appeal campaign) and channels them through the National Budgeting Conference (NBC) forum to the national arm of Congress. The funds pass through Congress to its Ontario region and go from there to the program committees.

Under the newly-reached agreement, the federation will both raise the funds and allocate them directly, said Jack Chisvin, president of the JFGT. While the federation would as a result have to bear the programming and staffing costs directly, it should at the same time see its allocations to Congress reduced by the same amount, he added.

Ontario region chairman Eric Slavens said the existing arrangement "didn't make sense" and was "an historical anomaly."

While the region's budget will drop by about one-third, it will remain largely unaffected by the change since it merely acted as "a conduit" for the money, he said.

Slavens said the new arrangement is geared to implementing the Lithwick report's recommendation that responsibility for local cultural and educational programs be in the hands of federations. Congress will retain its responsibility for national, international and advocacy functions, he said.

Jack Chisvin

George Wasserstein, the recently-installed chairman of NBC, said Congress and the federations across the country have supported the report's principles, but the mechanisms for implementing them have taken time and a "delicate approach" to arrange.

The Toronto agreement should serve as a precedent for similar arrangements across the country, he suggested, adding that a two- or three-person committee may be struck to co-ordinate similar arrangements on a nation-wide basis.

Bert Abugov, director of NBC, said that before the Toronto agreement can be implemented, similar arrangements have to be reached in other regions of the country. "This can't be done in a piecemeal manner," he said.

Abugov said similar agreements in other cities may be concluded within a few months and that a tentative target date for implementing the actual budget changes would be from January to July 1993.

Wasserstein said that by giving the federations direct responsibility for the funding, a stronger control link would be created for the delivery of services.

Congress' national office will continue to act as a central resource and clearinghouse of information to assist local programs. And Congress' mandate of responsibility for delivering the cultural programs in unfederated communities (such as Saskatchewan) will remain, Wasserstein said.

Jewish agencies feel pinch as United Way cuts funds

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

An average 3.6 percent cut in funding from the United Way of Greater Toronto will mean less money this year for the eight Jewish social service agencies it helps fund.

The "roughest economy since the Great Depression" is responsible for cutbacks to the 124 United Way funding recipients in Metro, Susan Pigott, the charity's director of allocations, told a news conference here last week.

It is the first time grants from the United Way will drop.

The charity will allocate $30.2 million in 1992, down from the $31.4 million it gave out last year.

Because of the cutback, 80 percent of all distributed funds will be used just to maintain current programming, United Way president Anne Golden said.

And because of the recession, the charity this year has had to turn down over $7 million in funding requests. Last year, the gap between requests and available funds was $4.5 million.

In the Jewish community, where agencies have been accustomed to yearly increases from the United Way of between five and 10 percent, the cuts will mean more belt-tightening.

- the third largest recipient of United Way funds, Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS), will receive just over $1.34 million this year, compared to $1.39 million last year.
- the Jewish Community Centre will get $464,442, down from the $483,290 it received in 1991.
- Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto will get $397,916 in 1992, compared to $414,065 last year.
- the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care will receive just over $400,000, a decrease from the $416,315 it got in 1991.
- the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living will see its 1992 transfer payment drop to $143,799 from last year's $149,635.
- Senior Care (Community Services to Jewish Elderly) will receive $109,529, down from $113,974 in 1991.
- there will be a dramatic drop at Toronto Jewish Assistance Services (formerly Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa) — the agency will see its allocation cut to $44,170, compared to $55,671 a year ago; and
- the Jewish Camp Council's allocation will go from $19,000 last year to $18,259 in 1992.

United Way

The Jewish agencies do not depend solely on the United Way. They are also funded through the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, and in some cases, by the provincial government.

But as if a decrease from the United Way wasn't enough, Ontario Premier Bob Rae last month announced that provincial transfer payments to hospitals, schools and some social agencies will be held to a record low increase of one percent this year, and two percent in each of the successive two years.

Among the reasons cited for the United Way's cutbacks are a shortfall in last year's campaign, which netted $44.5 million. The goal was $45.1 million.

Add to that the $1.5 million in unfulfilled pledges because of layoffs and the relocation of businesses.

In the spring, the United Way will allocate about $1.3 million in short-term grants to 59 community, health and social service groups.

The charity also helps fund, to the tune of about $4.5 million, some 65 agencies in the regions bordering Metro.

Added up, it means roughly 250 social agencies depend on United Way dollars.

At JF&CS, less money has already meant that one full-time social worker's position has gone unfilled because of a hiring freeze, says director Gordon Wolfe.

And if staff does not agree to a salary freeze in 1992, one other position will likely be axed, Wolfe added.

Israeli posters in exhibit

By
JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX —

A display of 120 Israeli posters, some dating back to 1932, has been unveiled in Halifax as part of an Atlantic regional tour.

The posters, depicting Israel's culture, politics, defence, industry and commerce, opened Feb. 24 in a downtown Halifax art gallery for six days, before being sent to Vancouver and Medicine Hat for brief showings. After that, the exhibition will tour Atlantic Canadian communities until mid-May.

Gad Almaliah, an Israeli art design teacher, arranged for the showing during a two-term sabbatical assignment at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. Many of the posters are from his personal collection, which he started as a student at Bezalel Academy of Art in Jerusalem in the early 1960s.

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Shabbat Zachor set to mark yahrzeit of Syrian Jewish girls

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

This year's commemoration of Shabbat Zachor — the Sabbath of remembrance for oppressed Jews, especially those in Arab lands — will he held March 14 in synagogues across Canada.

On that day, the ninth of Adar, Jews everywhere are commanded to remember those who tried to destroy them, particularly the Amalekites, the Jews' biblical archenemy.

Syria has been the main focus of Shabbat Zachor since 1975, the first yahrzeit of the murder of four Syrian Jewish girls and two young men who were caught trying to escape into Lebanon.

The six were betrayed by their Arab smugglers, who had been paid to take them across the border. The sisters Mazal, Laura and Farah Sebbagh and their cousin Eva Saad and two men, Natan Shaya and Kassem Abadi, were caught and executed.

According to the National Task Force for Syrian Jews, the girls were raped and mutilated. Their bodies were put in sacks and dumped on the doorstep of their parents' home in the Jewish quarter of Damascus with a note saying, "Here are your children."

Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation inaugurated the yahrzeit for the six victims, thus designating Shabbat Zachor as a day to pray for Syrian Jewry.

The Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands at the shul, and a parallel fund at Beth Tfiloh Congregation in Baltimore, supplies Syria's embattled 4,300-member Jewish community with religious articles and books.

Guest speaker at Beth Tzedec on March 14 will be Seymour Reich, chairman of the U.S.-based National Task Force on Syrian Jewry. Reich is the former international president of B'nai B'rith. Guest chazzan for the service will be Cantor Joe Amar, a leading Moroccan-born interpreter of the Sephardi liturgical tradition.

The Canadian Task Force's chairman, Judy Feld Carr, says Jews must continue to impress upon Ottawa the need for human rights improvements in Syria, where Jews cannot vote or emigrate and are monitored by the feared secret police.

Last December, a Parliamentary committee for Syrian Jewry was formed, with Tory MP Bill Attewell as chairman. Attewell is expected to make a statement in the House of Commons on Syrian Jewry prior to Shabbat Zachor.

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Toronto lawyer Bert Raphael, head of the Jewish Civil Rights Education-al Foundation of Canada, an organization of about 700 lawyers and jurists, has written a legal brief on the status of Syria's Jews.

Raphael says his foundation has received "documented evidence" about the "illegal and oppressive" treatment of Jews in Syria.

He focuses on the case of the Jewish brothers Eli and Selim Swed, who were sentenced to 6½ years in prison last May, after spending 3½ years in solitary confinement awaiting their sentencing.

That sentence was recently upheld by Syrian authorities.

Raphael notes that the Sweds' trial was conducted in-camera and that the brothers were denied a lawyer.

He says many reports suggest the brothers have been tortured.

Raphael's brief requests "a full and detailed" response to the Sweds' case and an appeal be started.

He also wants Syria to grant Jews the right to emigrate without fear of punishment and for those who want to stay, the same rights as non-Jews, namely, the right to vote, freedom of assembly and freedom from arbitrary detention.

Raphael's brief has been sent to Syrian President Hafez Assad, Canada's External Affairs Minister, Barbara McDougall, Canada's ambassador to Syria and Syria's ambassador to Canada.

Mazon Canada starts Purim drive

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Why not honor your friends and family at Purim and help feed the hungry at the same time?

Mazon Canada, a Jewish agency that raises money for Jewish and non-Jewish food programs across Canada, has initiated a Purim project that entails sending them the equivalent value of a shalach manos basket. "We in turn will send the money to people that really need our help," says Jackie Strauss-Zimmerman, volunteer co-ordinator for Mazon Canada.

Strauss-Zimmerman, says that Mazon, "the Jewish response to hunger, likes to sponsor projects that are related to food. We focused on Purim this year because it is a holiday that is very rich in the idea of tzedakah. With this program we are not only helping those in need, we are giving the donors and the recipients a feeling of well-being for helping others."

She says that those who want to participate in the program simply have to call the Mazon office who in turn will send out a card in the donor's name.

"The money is not earmarked for any special organization but rather, we make allocations twice a year to food programs we feel are helping people in real need. Organizations make applications to Mazon Canada and we study each one seriously. Those in most need receive our help."

She said with a laugh that "by not receiving the candy, chocolate, nuts and cookies, it also makes for a healthier holiday for everyone involved."

Strauss-Zimmerman says that the staff and volunteers at Mazon Canada are "quite excited by this project and we expect a good response. We really think it is a wonderful idea."

To make a donation call Mazon Canada at (416) 783-7554.

Project to honor Shoah victims

TORONTO —

To perpetuate the memory of the Jewish victims of the Shoah (Holocaust), a unique project entitled, Unto Every Person There Is A Name, has been orchestrated.

On Yom HaShoah, the Day of Remembrance, the names of victims will be recited aloud together with their birthplace, age, and place of murder. Family members, survivors, and tourists may participate in the ceremonies, reciting names of relatives and friends.

The main ceremony will take place at the Knesset on April 30 in the presence of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Speaker Dov Shilansky, himself a Holocaust survivor, and members of the Knesset together with new immigrants and students.

The idea of personalizing the individual tragedy of Holocaust victims and survivors was conceived and won the approval of all major Jewish organizations, in co-operation with Yad Vashem. Since its initiation three years ago this project has become the focal point of Yom HaShoah commemoration in Israel.

Ceremonies of recitation take place at the Knesset, at Yad Vashem, at the Western Wall, in schools, workplaces, at Israel Defence Force bases, and public squares throughout Israel. It has also been incorporated in Yom HaShoah activities in many communities in North America, Latin America, Australia, Europe, and the Soviet Union.

Yehuda Shen, director for Canada, Israel Government Tourist Office said, "As time passes and fewer witnesses remain, especially in the face of wide-spread efforts to deny the Shoah and revise history, it was deemed of great importance to strengthen the bond and create a personal link between those Jews who are alive today and those who perished under the Nazi genocidal regime."

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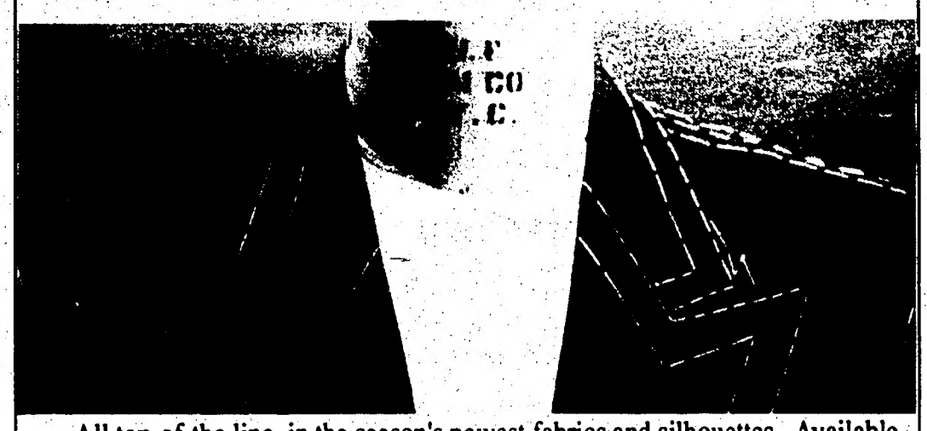

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The Economy in Crisis the Community?

This week CJN reporters Frances Kraft, David Lazarus and Elias Levy look at how the economy is affecting students and the institutions they attend.

Recession hits ivory tower world of universities

TORONTO —

With the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) $50 million over budget, mainly because of a 36 percent increase in applications for financial assistance compared to two years ago, it's evident that the recession has infiltrated the ivory tower world of the university student.

Not surprisingly, the financial pinch is also being felt by the faculties and departments within the post-secondary institutions.

"We're stretched," says Tirzah Meacham, assistant professor in U of T's Near Eastern Studies department, which houses most of the courses in the Jewish studies program.

Meacham is teaching four courses this year instead of the three she was scheduled to teach. She is not required to do this nor does she receive extra pay for it. She's doing it partly because three graduate students needed the course to earn their degree, and a last-minute decision was made by the dean's office not to replace the former professor, who is on sabbatical. "There's a certain loyalty to the department and the program," says Meacham, who is not the only one to take on such a burden. "People are having to stretch themselves thinner. There are at least four faculty members in the department doing extra teaching or extra administrative work beyond their normal load."

Compounding the problem is the fact that the late Professor Frank Talmage, who was a linchpin of the program, was never replaced — partly for budgetary reasons, according to Meacham. He died over three years ago.

A further concern for Meacham is the fact that a number of Jewish studies faculty members will reach retirement age within the next decade. It is not expected that all of them will be replaced. The implications for students include the possibility that some of them may not be able to complete their degrees when planned or with a full complement of courses in the area of their specialization.

Those who are active in Jewish student organizations find that the recession touches yet another aspect of their lives. Susan Jackson, director of community services, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, told *The CJN* that an increasing number of students are unable to attend meetings or programs because of a conflict with their part-time jobs. "Active Jewish students are incredibly overburdened," concurs Tannis Weinstein, national director of Network Canada.

Organizations such as Network find themselves financially overburdened as well. "We subsidize like crazy," said Weinstein, referring to their national convention. Network's budget has been cut by $30,000 this year, affecting students who don't have the money to fly from, say, Vancouver, to Toronto where the convention was held this year.

"The challenge now is to come up with very low-cost, effective programming," says Weinstein. F.K.

Students try to manage as financial pressures soar

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

At first glance it seems Elana Cohen's lifestyle reflects the perennial story of the struggling student. Elana Cohen isn't her real name, though, and her lifestyle is a telling commentary on this country's recession.

Juggling two part-time jobs and a full course load at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute leaves the second-year student little time for extracurricular activities. Nonetheless, she makes time for one student club, getting by on five to six hours of sleep a night.

Academically, Elana is carrying a full load, but she has substituted an easier course for one that would require more hours of study.

"I don't mind working so much," says Elana, "but I wish I didn't have to." Her parents, who live in another city, are both professionals. They are both employed, albeit at a reduced salary compared to their previous jobs, because of recessionary cutbacks.

"The good times are over," says Elana, recalling expensive summer camps and vacations. "It's a rude awakening."

Fiercely independent and financially wary, Elana lives frugally and won't consider a student loan. "I'd rather struggle now than still be paying off a loan when I'm 35. I'm afraid of having debts," she says.

Price increases in the past year have forced her to consider her spending habits very carefully. Her biggest expense is the apartment she shares with a roommate, at almost $500 a month for her share. Her food budget is an incredibly low $15 a week, with an emphasis on pasta and, says Elana, lots of vegetables.

Elana is lucky to be employed in today's economy. When *The CJN* discussed the recession with a small group of Elana's peers at York University, two students reported having been laid off from their part-time jobs, one because the business went bankrupt. A third student had been laid off from two separate part-time jobs.

"I'm very lucky," says Elana. "I have some very specific skills." One of her jobs involves teaching computer classes to young children in an extracurricular program; the other is tutoring bar/bat mitzvah youngsters.

Her parents used to pay all her expenses, says Elana. This year they were able to pay her tuition, but nothing more. "It hurts my mother" to deny those extras, says Elana.

"It's very scary. My parents are very solid people. I see what happened to them living on credit. All those loans piled up. Car loans. Home loans. To look at my mother, you wouldn't know — ever — that she's wondering how to pay her utilities bill. Life is an illusion. I pay cash for everything."

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Just as Elana experienced the trickle-down effect of the recession's impact on her parents, so did David Martin (not his real name), a 26-year-old lawyer, feel the ripples that went through the large law firm where he worked as a student.

In 1988, when he joined the firm as a summer student, the future looked rosy. He was asked to return as an articling student, and did so in 1989.

"I had a very positive articling year," Martin told *The CJN*. "I was given every indication from day one that I had a long future with the firm.

"It was one of the fastest-growing law firms in the country," says Martin. He pauses. "Then the recession hit.

"This was a firm that was specifically susceptible to the recession," he explains. "They had expanded in the areas of real estate and corporate law, but people stop making deals in a recession. Real estate, corporate and tax are not busy."

In 1990 the firm was forced to dissolve. But the handwriting was on the wall months before. Belt-tightening was evident when a decision was made to let go almost a dozen junior lawyers "regardless of merit," says Martin. "Once they did that, they were not able to hire back articling students in the departments where lawyers were let go."

Martin's department was one of those hit by the recession. He looked for a job for six months before being hired as a legal consultant by a family friend who has his own business. In the meantime, Martin had to do his own belt-tightening, starting by moving back in with his parents after 18 months on his own in a downtown apartment.

"It was more than just me," he says. "We [articling students] all got caught in the crunch. The same things have happened at other firms."

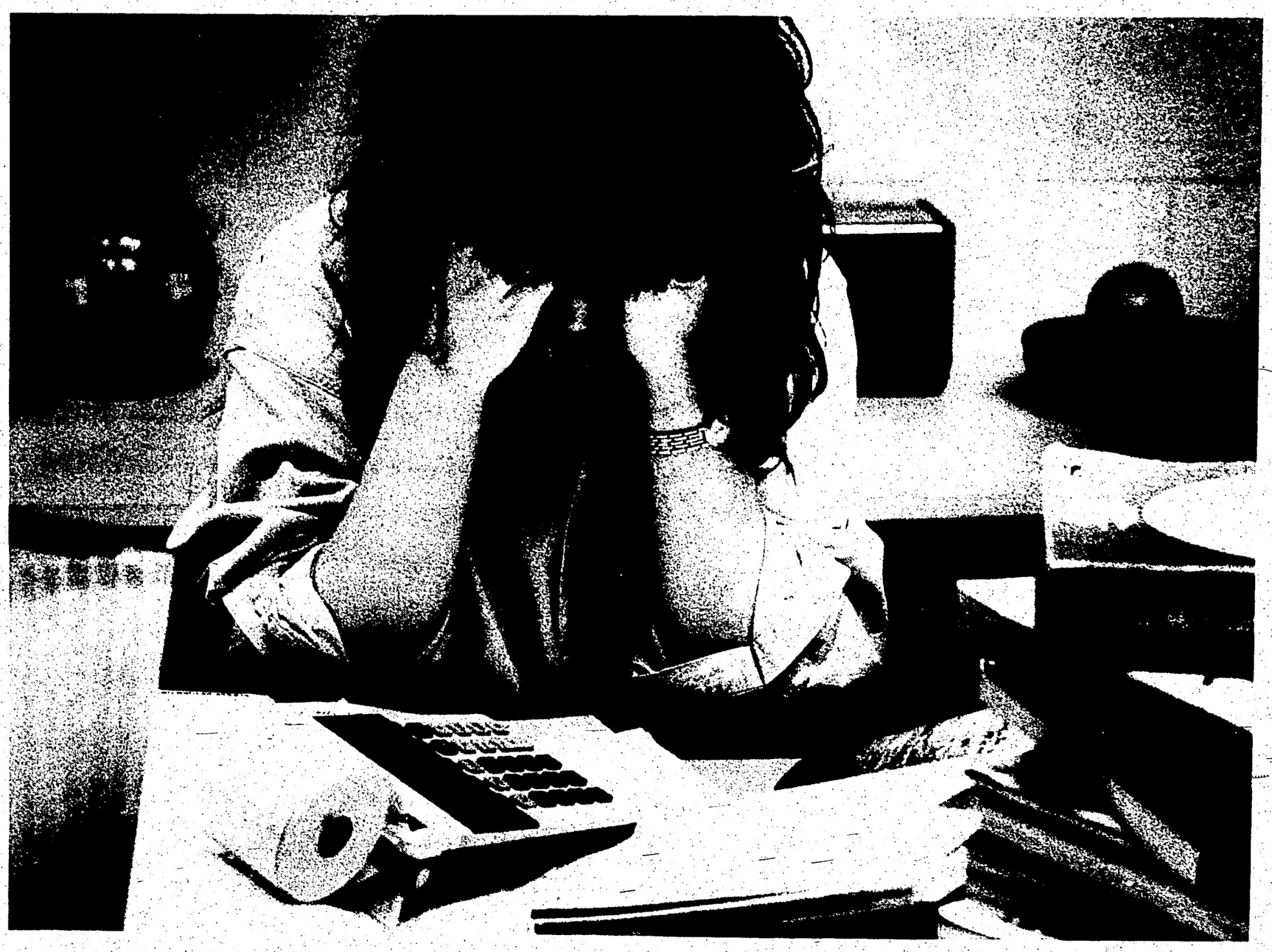
One of the biggest benefits that Martin lost by not being hired back was loss of income during the six-month bar admission course. It's common practice among many medium to large firms to continue to pay those students whom they have hired back, says Martin, in addition to paying course fees.

"What happened to me was that money I was more or less counting on didn't come in," says Martin. The change of lifestyle that came when he gave up his apartment "smartened me up." He is still living at home, saving money and paying back his student loans.

Not that he was reckless with his money before the recession. "I had saved and I had spent," he says, and as many young people do, he travelled to Europe and Israel after he finished articling. "I never believed for a moment that I wouldn't be able to get a job. I wasn't losing competitions. There were no jobs."

Martin has landed on his feet. His job enabled him to make contacts at several law firms, one of which offered him the type of job for which he feels he is best suited.

He is guardedly optimistic about the future for young lawyers. "Sooner or later firms are forced to hire young people. Junior positions open up as people gain experience and seniority. I think we're coming a little to that."



Canada

Students turned away for loans

Jewish school system faces cash flow problem

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
The seemingly endless recession is a long way from ending for Jewish young people in Montreal who are directly being affected by the downturn in the economy.

Although they may be out there, few young Jews — especially high school and university-age students — fit the stereotype of the over-indulged, upper middle class kids who, for all intents, are immune from economic vicissitudes.

To the contrary, said leaders involved directly with the issue. The picture that emerges is one of young people and schools doing their best to cope with the consequences of Canada's current economic misfortunes.

The effect of the recession on families, in particular, appears to be a common denominator, hurting school children and coffers alike, but not enrollment, at least obviously.

University students, more than ever before, are looking for work and seeking financial help, said Mark Zarecki, executive director of the Hillel Students Society.

Schools are also cutting costs to the bone and are setting new levels in "scholarship" applications, according to Merle Frankel, executive director of the Jewish People's Schools and Peretz Schools (JPPS).

Zarecki, who crosses paths with hundreds of students during the course of a school year, and Frankel, both said that in their decades of experience, they have never seen a recession have a comparable impact, even to the last major one in 1981-82.

Zarecki said Hillel's loan and scholarship funds, normally able to meet a demand by about 70 students, had to turn away 20 students after the funds' coffers were exhausted much sooner than usual. "This has never been our experience before," said Zarecki.

The other most noticeable change, he said, is the rise in demand for the food fund, which enables students to enjoy a complete kosher meal at the Hillel restaurant for a dollar or two.

Zarecki knows personally of individual cases of Jewish students who have dropped course loads to look for scarce jobs at a level not seen before.

He also has been referring students to the university's own student aid office, always a last resort.

At times, the youth situation is a reflection of what's happening on the home-front, both Zarecki and Frankel said.

Larry Brightman (not his real name) is an example.

A 20-year-old science student at Concordia University living at home in the West Island, said his parents both have to work, but their pay scales have not moved and they want to hang on to their jobs.

Brightman has been looking for work to help out but even at fast food outlets, "there are seven or eight others applying for the same job," he said. "A lot of my friends are in the same situation."

Frankel, an administrator in the Jewish school system for 18 years, said she has never seen the effects of a recession hit so hard. Parents, she said, are changing jobs more than ever before, and family situations are tense at home. Scholarship applications are up and while parents with commitments to the schools are paying up, they are doing so later.

The result is that cash flow in the JPPS school system (two elementary schools and one high school) is a problem and other school systems, such as United Talmud Torahs, are experiencing similar problems, Frankel said. She said the JPPS ledger, for the first time in her memory, was $100,000 in the red.

To cope, belts are tightening. Frankel said some staff voluntarily took a pay freeze and classes "contracted," saving 35 teaching hours each time.

Even traditionally dependable fundraising venues, such as the JPPS's annual Concert Society, are finding it more difficult this year to sell tickets, and that shows in the coffers.

Determining to what degree Montreal Jewish students may be deciding to put off college or not entering the school system is harder to establish.

Both Zarecki and Frankel said enrollment is still full, but there is no way to know exactly to what extent the recession has caused people to put off college or to go to a public school.

For his part, Zarecki does not think that university tuitions would be a stumbling block, at least for Canadian students. While fees have risen, they are still minimal compared to American universities and Quebec universities have actually been getting more money from the province.

On the other hand, Zarecki thinks it's quite possible there are local students who decided not to attend an out-of-town university because of the recession.

Frankel, as well, has not seen a drop in enrolment or withdrawals, but the situation could change by August, if parents "double register" and base their final decision on how the situation is on the home front at that time.

Frankel said to think that Jewish day schools have been immune to the recession "is so wrong."

JPPS, at least, is feeding more children than it used to and even in so-called "professional" families, where income is relatively high and where only one parent is working, large mortgage payments have to be met.

"You can't just dump a home," she said.

These students may not always be this happy; the recession is forcing many of their peers to find part-time jobs or drop course loads to cope.

Youth pessimistic over economy

By
ELIAS LEVY

MONTREAL —
"The employment situation in Montreal is really tragic, especially for young people. The so-called programs set up by the government to help young people land a job are really screwed up. With such gloomy economic prospects, a lot of my contemporaries are, like me, convinced that a university degree won't noticeably increase our chances of finding employment.

"I have to tell you frankly that the government and our elders don't give a damn about our everyday difficulties and our state of mind."

This pessimistic and alarming opinion, expressed by 18-year-old Aaron Minciotti, underscores the disillusionment and the painful worries that rack a multitude of young people in a generation forced to confront, on a daily basis, the realities of our economic crisis.

After completing secondary school at l'Ecole Van Horne de Montréal, Aaron decided during the winter of 1990 to continue his studies at an anglophone CEGEP, Vanier. (In the Quebec system, students take their first two years of post-secondary education in a Collège d'enseignement général et professionel, or CEGEP, before entering university.)

"I was aware that a good mastery of English would make it easier for me to find a better job later on. So I decided, without a moment's hesitation, to enroll in an anglophone CEGEP. I majored in pure and applied science, thinking I would then take electrical engineering in university," he says.

But within a few months, uncertainty and skepticism, made worse by the murky economic situation, are going to seriously alter his career plans.

"I very quickly realized that job prospects for young graduates are really dismal. Friends in university, studying in areas where in principle there should be strong demand — like engineering, computer science or accounting — have told me that jobs in these fields are becoming rarer all the time, particularly when one has no previous practical experience. So why invest three or four years in a tough course at university?"

After consulting several professional employment counsellors, Aaron has decided to choose another academic slot. He is enrolling in a three-year program, Electrotech, offered at Vanier. This technological course is weighted much more towards the practical than the theoretical.

But Aaron recognizes unequivocally that "this diploma doesn't guarantee us employment. The electronics sector is also suffering from the repercussions of the recession. Businesses in this field are laying off qualified employees every day —and this minimizes our chances of finding a job quickly."

Aaron Minciotti

The Quebec economy will, he says, have difficulty extricating itself from this slump. "In my opinion," he argues, "the economic situation in Quebec can only go from bad to worse. The economic performance of the rest of Canada isn't any brighter, either. And the present political situation is certainly not going to make it better. Young people, in spite of the ludicrous and bombastic speeches by politicians, are not one of the top priorities of this country, which is progressively tearing itself apart."

Aaron, a former counsellor at Centre Communautaire Juif summer camps for children and an active volunteer at several Montreal Jewish institutions, is seriously considering moving to the United States when he obtains his diploma as an electronics technician.

"Based on the information I've been able to gather, possibilities for employment in the electronics field are greater and more interesting in the United States, especially in Florida," he states.

According to this affable and eloquent young man, the youth employment programs concocted by different levels of government are subterfuges intended to camouflage "a very serious problem" that cannot be ignored.

"These programs, which cost staggering sums of money, exist — well and good. However, their results will be minimal as long as employers are unwilling to give a chance to young people without professional experience. The problem is not only economic, but also psychological," Aaron maintains.

He is, at the moment, going to night school. During the day, he devotes his time to the search for a part-time job that will allow him to improve his financial situation, which is "rather precarious, things being the way they are now," he confided.

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B'nai Brith National President Marilyn Wainberg presents travel brochure to Turkish ambassador to Canada Ugurtan Akinci. B'nai Brith leaders will be travelling to Turkey and Israel in March.

BB meets with Turkish envoy

OTTAWA —

A high-level delegation of the Institute of International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada met recently with Turkish Ambassador Ugurtan Akinci at the Turkish Embassy in Ottawa to discuss the B'nai Brith President's Mission to Turkey and Israel, to take place in March, and to share thoughts on matters of common concern.

The Institute delegation was led by national president Marilyn Wainberg and included Institute chairman Brian Morris, executive vice-president Frank Dimant, Institute director Paul Marcus, and director of government relations Ian Kagedan.

"We are very pleased to have met with Ambassador Akinci especially in this year marking the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain," said Wainberg. "Turkey of that time was among the few nations which welcomed Jewish refugees. We look forward to meetings with members of the Turkish Jewish community and with government officials when we are in Turkey next month," she said.

During the course of wide-ranging discussions, delegation members noted the unique role which Turkey stands to play in a restructured post-Soviet Europe and shared thoughts on Turkey's role in addressing the water resource management issue in the eastern Mediterranean area.

Loan guarantees urged by BB

OTTAWA —

A high-level delegation from B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs has met with U.S. Deputy Ambassador Todd Stewart and Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs Stephen Buck at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa.

The delegation urged positive U.S. action on loan guarantees for Israel and asked that the officials transmit to the U.S. Justice Department and to the Executive Branch B'nai Brith's concern over the ongoing imprisonment of Jonathan Pollard, a U.S. citizen convinced of spying for Israel.

The delegation argued that the extension of loan guarantees was the completion of the rescue of Soviet Jews, a humanitarian process in which the United States was the key player. Acknowledging the gratitude of world Jewry to the U.S. for its efforts in this area, the delegation pointed out that the extension of loan guarantees would permit the resettlement in Israel of the thousands of Soviet Jews arriving monthly while resulting in considerable economic benefit to the U.S. as well.

The delegation's request regarding Jonathan Pollard was to commute his sentence to time already served.

The delegation also shared its thousands on various aspects of the current Middle East peace process and on the plight of Syria's captive Jewish community.

Leading the B'nai Brith delegation was national president Marilyn Wainberg. She was accompanied by Institute chairman Brian Morris, past national president Moishe Smith, executive vice-president Frank Dimant, Institute director Paul Marcus and government relations director Ian J. Kagedan.

Racist circular under investigation

VICTORIA —

The RCMP here are investigating the source of a racist circular left recently on car windshields in the downtown area.

The circular, promoting the Church of the Creator (COTC) says the "church" is a racial religion "whose prime goal is the survival and advancement of the white race."

Brought to the attention of the police by Victoria's newly-organized Community Relations Committee, the circular says COTC's "first and foremost problem is saving the white race from mongrelization and genocide" and to "straighten out the confused and scrambled thinking of the white race itself."

COTC says that "once we have accomplished that much, getting the Jews, niggers and mud faces off our backs will be relatively easy."

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Keegstra returns to court

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A new chapter in the long-running saga of former Eckville, Alta. school teacher Jim Keegstra is now being written.

As *The CJN* went to press on March 2, 300 people clasping subpoenas in their hands were filing into the modern brick courthouse that sits in the downtown core of the central Alberta city of Red Deer. They had been called there so that from among their number 12 impartial men and women would be chosen to sit in judgment on Keegstra in a trial that could last up to six months.

For the second time in seven years, Keegstra is facing charges of wilfully promoting hatred against Jews.

The charges stem from the same set of circumstances that led to his original trial in the spring and summer of 1985. Though convicted of the charges, subsequent legal rulings overturned the conviction and ordered a retrial of the teacher-turned-auto-mechanic.

Jim Keegstra

As a result of complaints about the content of his history lessons, he was fired as a teacher by the local school board in December 1982. In October 1983 a disciplinary committee of the Alberta Teachers' Association stripped him of his association membership, preventing him from teaching in Alberta. His teaching certificate was subsequently withdrawn by the province's Education Minister.

Spurred by the notoriety of the Keegstra case, the Alberta Attorney-General's department conducted a three-month investigation of Keegstra's classroom conduct, leading to Criminal Code charges under the federal anti-hate law.

Following a preliminary hearing in 1984, Keegstra' trial kicked off in April 1985, with defence lawyer Doug Christie challenging the law on constitutional grounds.

On July 20, 1985 a jury found the former teacher guilty of promoting hatred against Jews.

Keegstra immediately challenged the conviction on constitutional grounds and by arguing that the trial judge had not given him enough leeway in questioning the impartiality of jurors. On June 6, 1988 the Alberta Court of Appeal overturned the conviction, ruling the anti-hate law violated the Charter.

With conflicting interpretations of the anti-hate law, the Supreme Court of Canada agreed to consider the case.

Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada, along with Interamicus, an international human rights organization, sought and obtained intervener status, allowing them to present legal arguments in favor of the constitutionality of the legislation.

On Dec. 13, 1990, the High Court upheld the constitutional validity of the law in a 4-3 vote. It ruled that while the anti-hate law abridged the right to free expression, the infringement was justified in a free and democratic society.

The High Court returned the case to the Alberta Court of Appeal to consider Keegstra's other grounds of appeal. On March 13, 1991 the court ruled that Keegstra should have been given the opportunity to question prospective jurors prior to their selection to determine if they were unbiased and it found errors in the judge's charge to the jury. It ordered a new trial on the same charges. On March 2 the lengthy legal process began again, albeit with a significant difference from the situation in 1985.

Christie had officially removed himself as Keegstra's legal counsel and the former teacher has announced he intends to act in his own defence.

Reform fights racist group

TORONTO —

Several members of the racist Heritage Front have infiltrated the Toronto branch of the Reform Party, *The Toronto Sun* reported last week.

Heritage Front (HF) leader Wolfgang Droege, a former Ku Klux Klan recruiter and a participant in the foiled white-power takeover bid of the island of Dominica, has taken out party membership. Two other HF members have been appointed to the board of the Reform Party's Beaches-Woodbine riding association, *The Sun* reported.

Reform leader Preston Manning and party chairman Cliff Fryers promised to squash the "infiltration" attempt, with Manning saying "there is no room in the Reform Party for people who hold racist positions."

The Sun reported that HF member Nicola Polinuk, who joined the Beaches-Woodbine riding board, ran in 1990 for school trustee on the Nationalist Party (NP) ticket. NP leaders Donald Andrews and Robert Smith have been found guilty of promoting hatred against non-Whites.

Droege is responsible for a telephone hot line which attacks Natives, Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman Bernie Farber noted. During a submission to the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Race Relations, Native leader Rodney Bobiwash's comments were interrupted by a shout of "scalp them" from teacher Paul Fromm. Fromm and Andrews were founders of the neo-Nazi Western Guard.

Manning's promise to remove racist elements from the party is "a good sign that gives a message" to other extremists, Farber said.

Zaionz to seek CJC presidency

TORONTO —

Chuck Zaionz has announced that he will seek the presidency of Canadian Jewish Congress at CJC's national plenary this May.

Zaionz, 55, is a former chairman of CJC's Ontario Region and is now a national vice-president from Ontario.

The three-year term of current president Les Scheininger will expire at the conclusion of the plenary.

Zaionz may face a challenge from York University history professor Irving Abella.

Abella told *The CJN* he has been approached to run and that he's "thinking about it."

Bayefsky receives Laskin scholarship

OTTAWA —

University of Ottawa Common Law professor Anne Bayefsky has been selected as the recipient of this year's Bora Laskin National Fellowship in Human Rights Research. Only one such fellowship is awarded annually.

Administered by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Laskin Fellowship, which carries with it a value of $45,000, was established to encourage research and the development of expertise in the field of human rights.

Bayefsky's research project will deal with international human rights law in relation to Canadian foreign policy and domestic legal responses.

Bayefsky, who holds an MA in Philosophy and an LLB from the University of Toronto and an M. Litt. from Oxford University, joined the University of Ottawa in 1981. Special advisor in 1984 and special observer in 1989 to the Canadian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, she has also served as a chair of Boards of Inquiry under the Ontario Human Rights Code since 1986.

She has written several books and has had articles published in numerous journals and newspapers in the field of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Canadian constitution and international human rights law.

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MOSHIACH MATTERS

MASHIACH IN EVERY GENERATION

A SPARK OF REDEMPTION WITHIN EVERY JEW

The revelations of the Era of the Redemption are intrinsically related to every Jew, for every Jew possesses a spark of Mashiach. Indeed, the texts of Kabbalah identify this spark with the quality of yechidah, the very core of our being, the innermost dimension of our souls.

In particular, the above is reflected in Jewish children, for our Sages explicitly identify them with the name Meshichai, "My anointed ones." Why are they given this title? Since their intellectual and emotional potentials are less developed, their essential quality, the spark of Mashiach in their souls, is more openly expressed.

UNVEILING THE G-DLINESS IN OUR ENVIRONMENT

Every Jew has been charged by G-d to reveal this essential dimension in his own conscious powers, in his physical activities, and in his interaction with his environment. The revelation of the particular sparks of Mashiach through these efforts will hasten the coming of the era of Mashiach, the age when the manifestation of this fundamental G-dliness will permeate the world in its totality.

Every Jew carries the responsibility to speed Mashiach's coming

The responsibility every Jew carries to speed Mashiach's coming through such service is reflected in the fact that the numerical equivalent of the Hebrew word Mashiach משיח is the same as the sum of the numerical equivalent of the word shaliach שליח, which means "agent", plus ten. This implies that Mashiach's coming is dependent on every person's dedicating the ten faculties of his soul to the mission," of revealing G-dliness in this world.

It also implies the responsibility that each one of us has to involve "Ten - a Minyan" friends to partake in this mission.

INTERNALIZING OUR KNOWLEDGE OF G-D

Implicit in this mission is disseminating the teachings of pnimiyus HaTorah, and integrating them into our conscious thinking processes. In the Era of the Redemption, "a person will no longer (have to) teach a friend...for they will all know Me." "New (dimensions of the) Torah will emerge from Me," and every individual will experience a direct, personal knowledge of G-d.

Since Judaism conceives of reward as being granted "measure for measure" it follows that in preparation for this revelation, we should devote ourselves to the knowledge of G-d and the development of an inner bond wit Him. It is the Torah which enables us to forge such a connection. This is reflected in our Rabbis interpretation of the verse, "He kisses me with the kisses of His mouth," as referring to the inner bond which is established with G-d through the study of pnimiyus HaTorah.

MASHIACH IN EVERY GENERATION

The relevance of the above is made possible by the unique nature of our present times. To borrow an expression of the Previous Rebbe, we have already "polished the buttons" and have completed all the elements of service required of us.

Furthermore, Mashiach is not merely a hope for the future, but there exists in every generation - and surely, in our generation - "a person from among the descendants of Judah who is worthy of being the Mashiach of Israel." As the Chasam Sofer writes, "From the time of the destruction of the Beis HaMikdash, there was born one who in his righteousness is worthy of being (Israel's) redeemer," and were there no impediments and obstacles which prevented his coming, he would have come already.

Moreover, these obstacles no longer exist, for when the service of the Jewish people over the centuries is considered as a whole, everything that is necessary to bring about the Redemption has been accomplished. There is no valid explanation for the continuation of the exile. Accordingly, at this time, our spiritual service must focus on "standing prepared to greet Mashiach," anxiously awaiting his revelation with the willingness to accept him eagerly.

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Weiner seeks new venue in Irving defamation case

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —
A British Columbia Supreme Court judge has reserved judgement on a request to change the venue of a defamation case from B.C. to Ontario. The case involves Holocaust-denier David Irving who alleges he was defamed by federal Multicultural Minister Gerry Weiner in October of 1990.

The request for the change was made at an "examination of discovery" in the B.C. Supreme Court by Harry Wruck, of the Vancouver office of the federal Department of Justice, who is representing Weiner. Doug Christie is the lawyer for Irving.

Wruck called for a stay of proceedings in the B.C. court and suggested that Irving could take action in another jurisdiction, especially Ontario, "in which justice can be done between the parties at substantially less inconvenience and expense . . . This is clearly supported by the fact that the vast majority of witnesses and documents are in Ontario and none are in British Columbia."

The hearing was held Jan. 30 and 31 before Mr. Justice Kenneth Murphy, who said he would likely deliver a judgement within a month.

Wruck, arguing on behalf of Weiner, said the minister's cabinet and parliamentary responsibilities make it necessary for him to be in Ottawa, Hull or Montreal as frequently as possible. In carrying out his duties Weiner spent 454 out of 547 working days in the years 1989, 1990 and 1991, Wruck said.

Thus, the inconveniences to Weiner and the expense of getting witnesses to a trial in British Columbia would be "substantially more than if the trial takes place in Ontario," said the lawyer.

Furthermore, Wruck continued, "there is no material filed by the plaintiff (Irving) which suggests that the plaintiff needs to call witnesses or rely upon any documents from British Columbia other than a few newspaper reports."

Weiner's lawyer said the laws of defamation in British Columbia and Ontario are not significantly different. He cited an affidavit sworn by Prof. Raymond Brown, author of the "leading text" of defamation in Canada, that if the action were transferred from British Columbia to Ontario "the plaintiff would not be deprived of any legitimate juridical advantage."

Irving's lawyer, Doug Christie, said convenience, different rules of practise and procedure in Ontario courts and Irving's right to counsel all favored the case being tried in British Columbia. He said the Department of Justice is financing Weiner's defence but if the case was to go ahead in Ontario, it would be "very unlikely to proceed" because "we don't have those kind of resources."

In his statement, dated Oct. 26, 1990, Weiner said he was "extremely disquieted" by the tour of David Irving.

Weiner claimed that "Irving has made a career out of writing and lecturing that the Nazi persecution of Jews and the Holocaust itself has been exaggerated . . . He has testified in court on behalf of Ernst Zundel, who was subsequently found guilty under Canada's laws against the promotion of hatred."

Weiner declared that "Mr. Irving's sympathies and intentions have no place in our society. They are abhorrent to Canadian values and ideals and are an incitement to racism, if not a direct promotion of racial attitudes."

Weiner said that while it is a "tremendous responsibility for any one, in particular a minister of the Crown, to question the right of any individual to express his or her beliefs or opinion in public, I am, both as a private citizen and as the federal minister responsible for human rights extremely disquieted by the speaking tour by British writer David Irving."

Former PLO boss deported

MONTREAL —
A former PLO colonel, judged to be a security risk to Canada, was deported Feb. 25 to a destination not made public by the Immigration Department.

Earlier reports were that Mahmoud Abo Shandi would be returned to Algeria, which he and his wife had left in December 1990. He had claimed his life would be in danger if he returns to Algeria because of a falling out he had with the PLO — a claim the Canadian government did not dispute.

The couple arrived in Montreal last October via Norway, carrying false Italian passports. Both immediately sought political asylum.

Shandi's Algerian wife Dalilah and their infant son born here remain in Montreal. She was found eligible for a refugee hearing.

Lebanese-born Abo Shandi was jailed soon after his arrival here and, in January, the Federal Court of Canada turned down his bid for a refugee hearing and ordered him deported. Both the immigration and court hearings were closed and the evidence against Abo Shandi was kept secret, even from the accused and his lawyers, who had no right to respond. It could not be appealed.

The Canadian Arab Federation criticized the government's handling of the case. "Shandi is being deported because of secret allegations based on secret evidence, most likely supplied by the Israeli secret service," Federation president James Kafieh said in a press release.

"Under the circumstances, this is hardly a neutral or reliable source of information."

He accused the government of "heavy-handedness" and "malice" in its treatment of the couple, and even of protecting the interests of Israel.

This was the first time a rarely used clause in the Immigration Act in effect since 1989 and designed to protect national security was carried through by the government. The clause gives the minister the authority to declare ineligible, imprison and deport anyone considered to be a threat to national security.

Federal Court Judge Bud Cullen was reported to have said after making the decision to deport Abo Shandi: "It is inconceivable that a man who is committed to the Palestinian cause as Abo Shandi...would suddenly cease to be involved in a subversive way with this cause of Palestinians if he were given the green light" to stay in Canada.

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Israel says 'mum's the word' over airlift of Yemenite Jews

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israeli authorities have remained silent about reports that a new airlift is being planned to bring out the remaining Jews in Yemen.

The government of Yemen has dismissed the reports, which first surfaced when the *Sunday Times* of London wrote that Israel intended to mount a rescue operation with or without the co-operation of the Yemeni authorities.

Political sources in Jerusalem cautioned that any comment could jeopardize quiet efforts on behalf of the 1,500 to 2,000 Jews still living in Yemen, a country that has restricted emigration until now.

But one official involved in those efforts told the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* that an undertaking along the lines of Operation Solomon, which brought more than 14,000 Jews out of Ethiopia last May, would be "illogical" in the case of Yemen.

Unlike the Jews of Ethiopia, who were concentrated in one or two provinces, "Yemenite Jewry is spread all over the country, in small villages and valleys, and therefore a military operation is out of the question," said Israel Defence Force reserve Brig. Gen. Avigdor Kahalani.

Kahalani is a member of a coordinating body operating out of the Prime Minister's Office that guides efforts on behalf of Yemenite Jews.

There were no contacts with Yemenite Jewry until recently. But in the past two years, there has been a "positive change" in the attitude of the Yemeni authorities, Kahalani told JTA.

Jews of Yemeni origin, including some living in the United States, have visited Yemen recently. And Yemenite Jews are now receiving new supplies of ritual articles, including tallesim, Torah scrolls, prayerbooks and tefillin.

Yemenite Jews in the United States are exchanging letters, photographs and videotapes with family members in Yemen.

A few Yemenite Jews have been allowed to emigrate. A Jewish family consisting of a father and four daughters arrived in New York last year and intends to remain in the United States.

A "reliable source" at the Foreign Ministry of Yemen was quoted as saying that all Yemenites, including Jews, are free to go anywhere, except to Israel.

But Yemen's Foreign Ministry denied press reports last June that Yemenite Jews would soon be permitted to leave for Israel.

According to Arab tradition, the first Jews arrived in Yemen about 3,000 years ago, when it was known as the Land of Sheba. Trade relations with the kingdom of Israel peaked during Solomon's reign.

In modern times, the number of Jews in Yemen has never exceeded 80,000, about one percent of the population. They are dispersed among 1,300 towns and villages all over the country, which occupies an area of the southwestern Arabian peninsula.

The capital, Sana, at one point had a Jewish population slightly under 10,000.

About 50,000 Yemenite Jews were flown to Israel during Operation Magic Carpet in the 1950s and early 1960s. That emigration ended in 1962, when a military coup, supported by Egypt under President Gamal Abdel Nasser, deposed the local imam, or Muslim religious leader.

Levy finishes third in Likud list

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Foreign Minister David Levy is blaming a "plot" for his failure to win the No. 2 spot on the Likud elections list in a vote Sunday by the party's Central Committee.

Levy ended up third among the first seven names that will follow Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's on the Likud slate for the June 23 Knesset elections.

First place was taken by Defence Minister Moshe Arens, followed by Housing Minister Ariel Sharon.

According to Levy, the Shamir-Arens faction and the Sharon faction joined forces in the Central Committee to disqualify him for the post, Levy told reporters Sunday.

His allegations were denied. Shamir moreover insisted in an interview Sunday that the positions on the election list were "not nearly as important as the party's membership seems to think."

The Likud leader said the Knesset ranking is not uppermost in his mind when it comes to appointing people to Cabinet posts.

Arens has long coveted the No. 2 spot on the Likud list, which is currently held by Levy, who has ranking as deputy prime minister.

Sharon, along with Levy, challenged Shamir for party leadership, bids both men lost decisively when the Central Committee picked its elections standard-bearer on Feb. 20.

Sunday's voting at the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds took place in a carnival atmosphere. About 90 percent of the more than 3,000 eligible voters participated.

Moshe Arens

The purpose was to arrange the candidates into seven groups of seven people each, in descending order.

Following Arens, Sharon and Levy, the others in the first group of seven were Transport Minister Moshe Katsav, Deputy Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Knesset member Binyamin Begin and Police Minister Ronni Milo.

Meanwhile, the Labor Party's Central Committee got into a divisive squabble Sunday as it prepared to vote on a proposal to ensure a minimum number of safe spots on its Knesset list for women.

Women are under-represented in both major parties. There are only two in Labor's 39-member delegation in the outgoing Knesset and one among Likud's 40 Knesset members.

But the proposal ran into opposition from Yitzhak Rabin, who was elected Labor Party chairman last month in the country's first primary election.

Rabin, in his maiden speech as party leader, maintained that setting aside a minimum number of spots for women would violate the spirit of open primaries.

In the end, he grudgingly agreed to some safe spots for women but insisted that the party's male leaders also be assured of election when Labor holds another primary later this month to choose its candidates for the next Knesset.

Meanwhile the Mapam party, which for many years ran on a single slate with Labor, voted Sunday to approve its merger for election purposes with two other left-of-center factions, the Citizens Rights Movement and the Center-Shinui Movement.

The new bloc, to be called Democratic Israel, will allocate the first 20 spots on its election list with a ratio reflecting the relative strength of the three parties. The CRM will get 10 spots, Mapam will get six and Shinui will get four.

Bombings upset Jewish groups

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Two pipe bombs planted here last week, apparently to publicize the plight of Syrian Jews, have upset mainstream Jewish organizations that have been trying in recent months to raise the issue's public profile.

All three of the militant groups that succeeded the late Rabbi Meir Kahane's Jewish Defence League have denied planting the explosive devices.

One bomb exploded early Wednesday morning in front of a building housing the Syrian Mission to the United Nations, shattering windows and damaging the lobby doors.

A note reading "Free Syrian Jews" was found a few hours later alongside a similar device left in front of a Woolworth's store on Manhattan's Upper West Side, not far from the Lincoln Square Synagogue. That pipe bomb did not explode.

"The resort to violence is abhorrent and disserves the cause of Syrian Jewry," Seymour Reich, chairman of the National Task Force on Syrian Jewry, said in a statement released as well on behalf of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the Council for the Rescue of Syrian Jews, the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York.

The National Task Force, a project of the Conference of Presidents, was recently organized to fight for the release of the 4,000 Jews living in Syria, who are barred from emigrating and face numerous other restrictions.

Gil Kahn, executive director of the Council for the Rescue of Syrian Jews, said the issue is already receiving heightened public attention.

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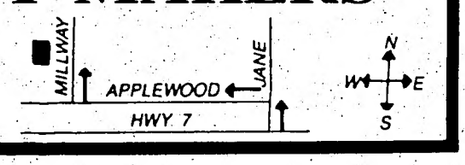

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JEWS DIG OWN GRAVES

LISBON, Feb. 6, 1942 (JTA) —

Between 300 and 400 Jewish war prisoners are being executed each day by the Nazis in the prison camp at Chelm, it is reported in a letter written by a German soldier, confirming the fact that the German military authorities are executing all Jewish war prisoners taken on the Soviet front.

The letter, written by the soldier to his relatives in Germany and smuggled to Lisbon, describes conditions at the Chelm camp. The soldier writes: "Naturally we are not treating the prisoners too gently. If they will have to stay here through the winter, half of them will die. Jewish prisoners are shot on the spot. They must first dig their own graves, then five of them are bound together so that all fall into the pit at the same time. About 300 to 400 of these executions take place daily."

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AXIS "TO LIBERATE ARABS"

CAIRO, Feb. 8, 1942 (JTA) —

Intensive Axis preparations for an early offensive into Turkey, Syria and Palestine were indicated in broadcasts from Rome to the Arab world on the occasion of the arrival of the Jerusalem ex-mufti in Rome yesterday.

"The Grand Mufti has reached Rome just at a moment when important actions are being prepared for the prosecution of the war which will liberate the Arabs and secure for them their deserved freedom," the Rome radio said. "The words of Mussolini and of Hitler are sufficient to guarantee that the Axis victory will mean freedom for the Arab world and unity for their race."

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SYRIA IN JEWISH STATE, AXIS CLAIMS

ANKARA, Feb. 18, 1942 (JTA) —

Intensifying their propaganda to the Arab world, Axis radio stations supported by articles in the Italian press broadcast the "revelation" that Roosevelt and Churchill intend to declare Syria part of a post-war Jewish state in order to compensate the Jews for their support of the allies.

Broadcast in Arabic from the Axis-controlled station in Athens, the allegation aims at securing more support for the Axis from the Arabs in Palestine and Syria on the eve of the expected German drive to the Suez Canal. To support the authenticity of the "revelation," the *Giornale d'Italia*, one of the leading Italian newspapers, published an article emphasizing the fact that the United States has not yet recognized the independence of Syria.

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GERMANS TOLD TO FIGHT

ZURICH, Feb. 19, 1942 (JTA) —

Germans in the Reich and in Nazi-occupied countries are warned by the Nazi press that if Germany loses the war they will have to surrender their economic positions to the Jews. An article in the *Angriff* which reached here and which is one of many similar articles appearing in the Nazi press, urged the Germans "to remember" that they have acquired Jewish property which they will be forced to return should the Axis powers be defeated in the war.

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ROMANIA JEWS SUFFER

ISTANBUL, Feb. 23, 1942 (JTA) —

Eyewitness reports of the massacres and persecutions of Jews in Romania were given here to the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by the Romanian Jews who succeeded in reaching Turkish shores on the sinking freighter Strume after escaping from Bukovina and other parts of Romania.

Romania today is one huge concentration camp for Jews, the refugees stated.

No Jew is protected by law, thus Jewish life and property can be taken by anybody without fear of punishment. Jews are prohibited from travelling on railroads, while a Jew undertaking a trip on the high roads by horse-and-wagon risks his life.

All Jewish industrial enterprises and buildings have been expropriated.

Small stores are still open, but they have nothing to sell since wholesalers are forbidden to deal with Jewish retailers.

In Moldavia all Jewish enterprises were expropriated by Romanians whom the government brought in from the province of Dobrudja. All Jewish banking accounts are blocked.

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Network seeks journalists

TORONTO —

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The purpose of the council is to act as a resource for the overall Jewish student population on a national level and to be a support system for one another. They will encourage submissions to both Jewish and non-Jewish publications on and off campus, in particular to the student column of *The Canadian Jewish News* and to the Canadian Jewish student magazine *FutureTense*.

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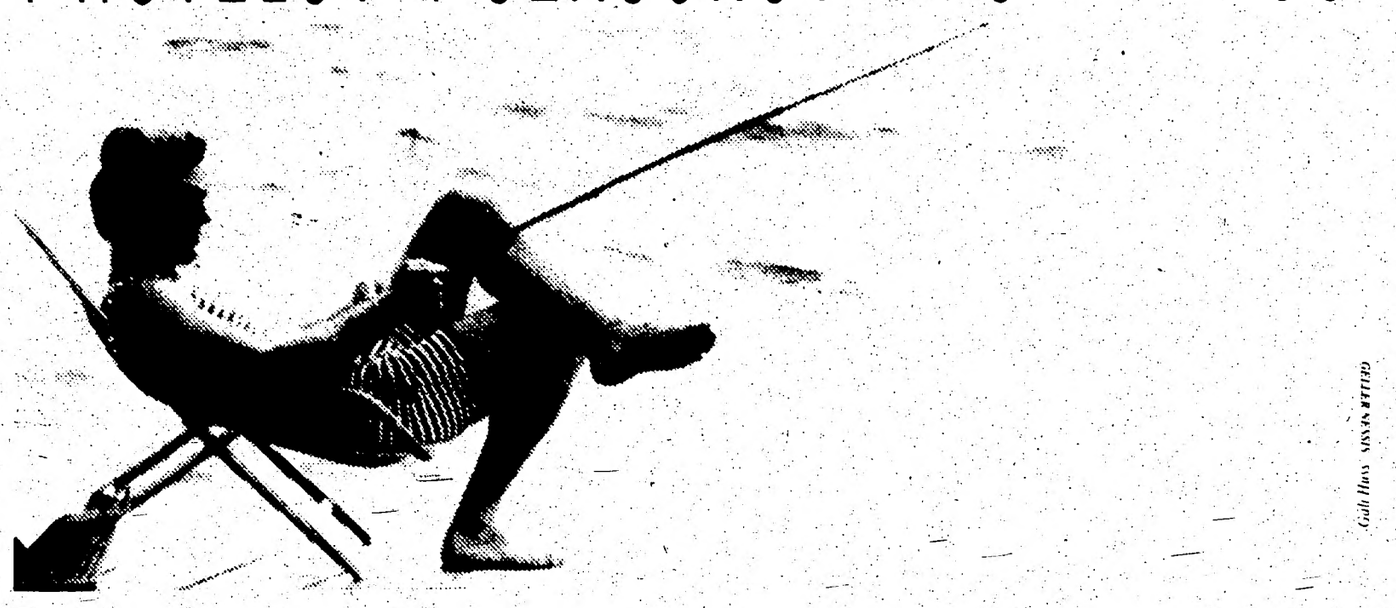

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Immigrants in demand

JERUSALEM — Several Latin American countries are investigating the possibility of absorbing Jewish emigrants from the former Soviet Union, Bank of Israel Governor Ya'akov Frankel warned.

"I have heard that several South American countries are interested in absorbing these emigrants," he told reporters at a Jerusalem press briefing. "They recognize the tremendous human potential they have."

He said that some of these countries are even considering asking the United States for loan guarantees to finance sbsorption.

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Sharon gives his figures

JERUSALEM — Nearly twice as many homes are under construction in the territories than Israel has officially reported to the Bush administration, according to figures released by Housing Minister Ariel Sharon.

About 22,000 homes are in various stages of construction in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, and construction on another 1,000 will begin soon, Sharon said.

"I never spoke to Secretary Baker. I don't know what figures Israel gave [him]. I can only tell you one thing: what are the real figures, and what happens (in the territories)," Sharon said.

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National Front loses

PARIS — Jean-Marie Le Pen's far-right National Front has lost a local election in Nice, but by the barest margin.

The party candidate took over 49 per cent of the vote in a contest that pitted the far right against the moderate right wing.

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Abraham Harman dies

JERUSALEM — Abraham Harman, a former Israeli ambassador to the United States and for many years president and later chancellor of the Hebrew University, died here Feb. 24 at the age of 77.

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Gorbachev to visit Israel

JERUSALEM — Former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev has confirmed reports that he plans to go to Israel in June to accept the Haifa Technion's Harvey Prize.

Gorbachev was informed that he won the $35,000 prize by Foreign Minister David Levy during his recent visit to Moscow.

Gorbachev, in a letter to Technion Prsident Zehev Tadmor, said he is "deeply grateful" for the award and regards it as "a manifestation of good will [and] as support of my activities. I also see in it a reflection of the new relations between the USSR, Russia and Israel, which I am convinced are of high significance for peace, security, and co-operation in the Middle East."

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Nathan stands firm

TEL AVIV — Peace activist Abie Nathan, who got a 48-hour furlough from Ramla prison last week, said he would not seek a pardon from President Chaim Herzog because he refuses to express "contrition" for his activities.

Nathan has served four and a half months of a 12-month sentence for meeting Yasser Arafat, in contravention of Israeli law.

He maintains that the law forbidding Israelis from having contact with the PLO is ludicrous. "I feel the only way to make peace is by negotiating with the enemy, and that is what I intend to continue to do in the future," Nathan said.

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Jews to be recognized

BONN — The federal state of Brandenburg in the former East Germany is determined to rectify an ideological bias that obscured the fact that Jews were the principal victims of Nazism.

A government committee recommended last week the creation of a joint foundation to establish guidelines for the selection of sites and designs of memorials to Nazi victims and the kind of activities that would surround them.

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Hezbollah opens office

JERUSALEM — Hezbollah has recently opened an office in Baku, leading to a growing apprehension among Jews there and the likelihood that many of them will soon emigrate, according to Michael Chienov, head of the Va'ad, the umbrella Jewish organization in the Commonwealth of Independent States.

He said that unlike other Muslim republics that seem to be steering a political course bringing them closer to the West, Aberbaijan seems to aligning itself with neighboring Iran.

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Vultures get it on

JERUSALEM — A pair of griffin vultures, one of three in the Mt. Carmel Wildlife Park, have finally "gotten together" after waiting 10 years.

The egg was rushed to the Tel Aviv University zoological institute to be hatched and incubated artificially.

"At first we couldn't tell if they were getting together because of the cold or were actually mating," said NRA spokesman Ofer Greenstein. "But last week the long wait was rewarded and we found an egg in the nest of the mating pair."

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Air show planned

TEL AVIV — An air show at Ben-Gurion Airport will be the centrepiece of Israel's 44th Independence Day celebrations on May 7.

Israel's international airport near Tel Aviv will be closed to normal traffic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. while stunt flyers will perform aerial acrobatics for a crowd it is hoped will exceed 150,000. Israel's last air show in 1987 attracted 120,000.

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Interfaith panel created

PARIS — The European Jewish Congress announced plans this week to establish a European Commission for Interreligious Relations.

The organization, which is an affiliate of the World Jewish Congress, will thereby play a more direct role in ecumenical discourse, particularly the advancement of Jewish-Christian relations in Europe, including the Vatican.

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Light at end of tunnel

JERUSALEM — A tunnel providing access from the Western Wall Plaza to the Moslem Quarter of the Old City may soon have an exit, five years after it was dug.

Excavation was completed five years ago. But the final stretch was opened by the Supreme Muslim Council.

The council protested that the digging would undermine Islamic shrines on the Temple Mount and "change the character of the Moslem Quarter."

The tunnel will emerge in the Moslem Quarter, but well north of the Temple Mount where, it is hoped, the Supreme Moslem Council will have no objections.

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Germans arrested

BONN — Five German business executives were arrested last week, charged with illegally exporting to Iraq machinery and other equipment that could improve its Soviet-made Scud missiles and advance its nuclear weapons program.

If convicted, they would face up to five years in prison. Several other businessmen were also arrested in Bavaria on similar charges.

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War criminal to be tried

PARIS — An elusive French war criminal long protected by the Catholic Church will stand trial for his wartime crimes.

The case of Paul Touvier, the 77-year-old former head of the collaborationist Milice (Militia) in Lyon, was reactivated seven months after his release from jail in July 1991.

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Jewish Life

Rabbinical Reflections

By
RABBI LOUIS I. SCHECHTER

In this month of Adar, prior to Shabbat Zachor and Purim, I have a rush of memories. This is true especially in view of a decent interpretation that Mordechai and Esther may have been assimilated Jews who were awakened to their heritage by the events in Shushan.

One of the striking recollections that I still retain from my childhood years in New York, is the realization that Chinese restauranteurs sought out Jewish areas to do their most flourishing business. Today it is very stylish for Jews to enjoy the bill of fare that is Japanese, Polynesian, Indian, Greek, Italian, French and Thai, as well as a multitude of others. We are very sensitive to the cultural habits of so many different people in our society. We respond very nicely to dance, music, food and drink from the most exotic and far-away places of our globe. The fact that these are replacing, for many, the traditional gefilte fish, kreplach, kugel, cholent, horas and Yiddish and Hebrew songs is of concern, but not quite as serious as the replacement of Jewish values of religious life and of Jewish traditions.

We go on all sorts of starvation diets, but many give little or no recognition to fast days, including Yom Kippur! We respond to every new fad and exotic dish, but today ignore the sacred traditions of kashrut. We frequent theatres, art exhibits, antique dealers and such, but fail to visit the synagogue (except for our regulars) throughout the year, unless we are obligated to attend a simcha. We travel to far away countries some of us never heard of as children, but to many, Israel and Jerusalem still await their first visit! We reach for the vast wealth of spiritual resources of the world, and draw back on our own!

It is good and interesting indeed to enjoy and learn about other people and places, other cultures and traditions. As we get close to Purim, and recall the story of the Jewish community of Persia, and the spiritual re-awakening of Mordechai and Esther, let it re-awaken our realization that it is more blessed to enjoy and learn about our own!

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JERUSALEM —

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Designed by award-winning architect Moshe Safdie the centre will be an architectural jewel offering magnificent views of the Western Wall, Mount of Olives, and Hills of Moab.

"Rabbi Noah Weinberg, the founder and Dean of Aish HaTorah, has done so much for the Jewish people that it is of no surprise that the government gave this organization the last remaining site across from the Western Wall," said Israel Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu in his remarks to the group.

Before donors poured the concrete foundation of the Centre's bomb shelter, dedications of more than 300,000 by those present were announced by Boruch Rabinowitz, Director of fundraising.

"We are witnessing the miracle of the return of the Jews to Israel, Jerusalem, the Jewish Quarter, and to this site which is being rebuilt now," announced Dr. Alan Seidenfeld of Toronto who spoke on behalf of the donors.

Aish HaTorah was founded in 1974 by Rabbi Noah Weinberg with two Rabbis and five students in a small apartment in the Old City. Today, 50,000 students across the world partake in Aish HaTorah programs annually including Russian Jews in Israel and Russia.

Committed to fighting assimilation and intermarriage Aish HaTorah hopes that its new location across from the Western Wall will attract the thousands of visitors to the Western Wall to attend a class, take a tour or just enjoy the view.

WAVING THE FLAG

National Jewish settlers wave an Israeli flag from the rooftop of a house in the Muslim Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City recently. About 10 armed seminary students occupied the house after dark under police guard as part of the settlers' drive to populate Arab areas with Jews (photo/Reuters).

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Front Line

Israel must stand guard until its survival is assured

COMMENTARY

By
RUTH WISSE

A chance meeting with an acquaintance at the airport this week left me very troubled. At first "Mr. Smith" and I, provoked into conversation by a wait for the same delayed plane, found that we shared a number of political views. Apparently, we had backed the same candidate in our local riding and reacted identically to a number of crises. But suddenly a chasm opened in the conversation that words could not seem to bridge.

We were talking about U.S. President George Bush's prospects in the current United States election campaign and about how his handling of the aftermath of the war in the Gulf was perceived by different segments of the public. I expressed disappointment at how little the president had done to dislodge Saddam Hussein from Iraq, and, conversely, how much pressure he was applying against the elected government of Israel.

Mr. Smith began to chuckle. "I'll tell you something I heard from a friend of mine," he said jovially. "It makes a lot of sense. You have to look at events in the Middle East the way you'd watch a soap opera. Tune in once every three months and you'll still find the same characters, in the same situations, repeating more or less the same lines. Whatever you do, don't waste your energy trying to follow the intricacies of the plot."

Mr. Smith may not have intended any harm. Deeply involved as he is in political affairs that affect him directly, he sees no reason to trouble himself over matters he considers literally "foreign." Like the newspapers that routinely editorialize about the "cycle of violence between Israel and the Arabs" and the "ongoing Arab-Israeli conflict," he has come to believe either that the situation in the Middle East is far too complex to understand, or that truth and justice lie somewhere between the two parties to the conflict. He therefore adopts the disinterested attitude of a spectator as the sanest way of dealing with the problem.

Ruth R. Wisse

Whatever his intention, Mr. Smith's words struck me like a blow. Translated into political terms, his attitude means that he doesn't care whether the State of Israel lives or dies. The Arab war against Israel is not the stuff of soap opera, after all, but an assault that has been waged for over forty years, through every form of modern aggression from economic boycott to terrorism. The opposition of Arab rulers to a Jewish country may have become a boringly repetitive scenario to the rest of the world, but as long as millions of young Arabs and Muslims regard the elimination of the Zionist entity as their sacred mission, the Jews are targeted daily for destruction, by individual missionaries and despotic rulers alike.

I could have suggested to Mr. Smith that as the citizen of an unthreatened democracy he owes support to a much more vulnerable, younger democracy that has yet to know a moment's peace. I could have reminded him that contrary to popular opinion, there is no demographic symmetry between the single Jewish state and its 22 surrounding Arab neighbors, and no moral reciprocity in their levels of mutual tolerance, observance of human rights, respect for an independent judiciary, or promotion of regional pluralism.

My desk is piled with accumulating evidence of the hate literature against Israel and its supporters that Arabs have been spreading throughout North America. At the very moment that the resolution equating Zionism and racism was repealed at the United Nations, it was reaffirmed at a meeting of foreign ministers of the 45-country Organization of the Islamic Conference in Senegal. Like the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, this accusation charges Jews with the crime of their accusers. It is a warrant for genocide, trumpeting and justifying the grounds on which the Jews deserve to be isolated from the rest of humanity.

The war of ideas against the Jews always precedes (and predicts) the physical assaults to follow. But since I know Mr. Smith to be a military buff, I had harder data to offer him. The Feb. 6 edition of the *Jerusalem Report*, for example, contains a chilling comparison of the relative military strength of forces in the Middle East, with the weight of arms sliding toward the Arabs. Western intelligence estimates that Algeria, Iran, and Iraq are only a few years way from full nuclear capability, with Libya and Syria working to "join the nuclear club." That Israel remains the prime target of all these states was confirmed during the Persian Gulf War, when, as the Scud missiles fell on Tel Aviv, Arab spokesmen on both sides of the conflict vied with one another in their expressions of hostility to Israel.

I know from my reading of history and of current affairs that Israel's survival depends on the readiness of people like Mr. Smith to remain committed to its protection until the Arab countries evolve into democracies; that the military resolve of Israelis has to be matched by at least some parallel political resolve on the part of the West if Arab leaders are to be dissuaded in the long run from their dreams of conquest.

Should I have tried to convince Mr. Smith to treat the fate of the Jews as something more meaningful than a soap opera? Do you think I could have succeeded?

OPINION

United States presents Israel with a painful dilemma

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

By rejecting loan guarantees to Israel unless it stops building settlements in the territories, the United States has confronted the present Israeli government with a painful dilemma.

If Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir refuses to abide by the Bush administration's take-it-or-leave-it approach, as now seems likely, Israel will be hard-pressed to absorb the 400,000-odd Soviet immigrants who've poured into Israel since 1989 and the estimated one million who are expected in the next few years.

If the $10 billion worth of loans Israel seeks for immigrant absorption are blocked by Washington, Israel would face dire economic and social consequences. Taxes for an already burdened population would have to be raised; the standard of living would likely drop; unemployment would increase; and, as a result, Soviet immigration might slow to a trickle. A historic opportunity to reach out to Soviet Jewry therefore would be lost.

But if Shamir succumbs to U.S. pressure, even partially, his credentials as a Land of Israel ideologue would be irretrievably tarnished, and a fierce power struggle within the ruling Likud party would be set off. If this were to happen, Shamir's hardline constituency could well revolt and replace Shamir with someone more palatable, like Housing Minister Ariel Sharon.

As U.S. Secretary of State James Baker suggested last week, Israel must choose between settlements and loan guarantees. It will be recalled that the Israeli ambassador to the United States, Zalman Shoval, made the same point several months ago.

Both sides have dug in. "We have spelled out our policy," President George Bush said. "It's a proper policy." For his part, Shamir declared: "We cannot, under any circumstances, go along with the principle that Jews have no right to live in this or that part of Eretz Yisrael."

The current impasse — which marks a low point in Israeli-U.S. relations — has been brewing since the Six Day War, when the United States expressed its opposition to "the acquisition of territory by war" under United Nations resolution 242.

Every American president since 1967 — from Lyndon Johnson to George Bush — has hewed to this position, opposed the construction of settlements and supported the view that the territories should be exchanged for peaceful settlements with the Arabs. But none has been as committed to these principles as Bush.

The land-for-peace formula has divided the Israeli electorate. The Labor party favors territorial compromise, but the Likud and its allies, and particularly Shamir, definitely do not.

Bush and Baker believe that if the loan guarantees are approved without conditions, the Israeli government will accelerate its settlement program in the territories and thereby undermine U.S. policy and imperil the prospects of a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Likud, on the other hand, fears that Washington's real objective is Israel's withdrawal from the territories. Shamir's confidant, Health Minister Ehud Olmert, charged recently that the United States' "ultimate goal" is "to try to force" Israel to return to the pre-1967 lines with "minor modifications."

If a compromise is achievable, the United States may wait until the results of the June 23 Israeli election are in, hoping for new flexibility in Jerusalem. With Yitzhak Rabin as the Labor party's new leader, the United States may be counting on either a Labor victory at the polls, or, at the very least, the formation of yet another national unity government.

Christian groups often fail to realize Judaism is a people as well as a faith

ANALYSIS

By
RABBI DOW MARMUR

Though Christian-Jewish relations are no longer central to contemporary Jewish thought, it is still necessary to articulate Judaism with the Christian world in mind. This is particularly true when we speak of Israel.

Christian theology finds it very difficult to accept the Jewish quest for sovereignty and self-determination. Whether despised or venerated, Jews are expected to be different. If they claim the right to be like all other peoples, they seem to force Christians to serious theological revisionism.

Fundamentalist Christians who favor the State of Israel often assume that, once all the Jews have been gathered into their ancestral land, they will "see the light" and accept the truth of Christianity. Those who regard such Christians as our friends seem to ignore that, though they appear to like Jews, they hate Judaism.

Progressive Christians who are critical of Israel also reflect the theological conundrum, yet they may be more amenable to our arguments. On the one hand, they know that, throughout history, the Church has caused the Synagogue untold pain. Therefore, they are most anxious to express their support for the Jews in their quest for a homeland. On the other hand, many Christians also wish to show solidarity with the downtrodden and the powerless. To them, Palestinians fall into that category.

Both fundamentalist and progressive Christians seem to view Judaism as "religion" only, symmetrical to their own. They find it difficult to accept that Israel is not only faith but also people and land. But progressives may be more open to reconsideration on the grounds that Zionism, too, is a liberation movement dedicated to the restoration of the biblical covenant, claiming no less legitimacy than Palestinians claim for themselves.

I have made it my business to articulate this to Christians. Of course, I often sense unease and discomfort in my audiences. For this expression of Judaism plays havoc with many accepted Christian theological notions. We must have support for the genuine difficulties that our Christian neighbors experience.

Threrefore, we must also appreciate that they find it easier to listen to Jews who present Judaism in, for them, familiar categories. One such Jew is Marc Ellis, a teacher at a Catholic theological college in Maryknoll, New York. As a student of Christian liberation theology, which has much to say about solidarity with the powerless, he has been a vociferous critic of Israel.

Apparently, he was in Toronto recently. A writer for *The Catholic New Times* — a forum for liberation theology often critical of Israel policies — reported the visit. The tone of the article was reminiscent of New Testament descriptions of Jesus. Ellis was compared to biblical prophets and described as something of a martyr, rejected by his own synagogue.

More disturbing, however, was the view, ascribed to him, "that many Jews resent the way that the Holocaust has been used to stifle criticism of the state," and that "Jews have become almost everything we loathe about our oppressors."

The irony should not escape us. For all their modernity, those who express such views are back in the Middle Ages, when Christians tried to save Jews who have strayed from the right — Christian — path with the help of "Jewish scholars" ready to tell them what they wanted to hear, whether it was true or false.

But those who conclude from this that Christian-Jewish dialogue is futile should, first, make a distinction between fundamentalists and progressives. The former have usually a missionary agenda which makes genuine dialogue impossible. The latter, on the other hand, are open to reason and argument.

Despite the residue of medieval categories even in modernist circles, these Christians are willing to learn and, I believe, to change. Thus the current issue of *The Catholic New Times* carries a long, and not so gentle, response from me.

It appears that though Christians, like the rest of us, find it easier to listen to those who agree with their prejudices, they are also prepared to provide a forum for those who don't. This suggests that we are not talking to the wall. If the dialogue is not as effective as we would like it to be, it may be due as much to our own failure to engage in it, as in Christians' inability to listen to us. If we leave it to Marc Ellis and Jews like him, our scepticism may turn into a self-fulfilling prophecy.

(Rabbi Dow Marmur is senior rabbi, Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto)

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Important message

Unemployment is high, confederation is wobbling; the economy struggles and Canadian confidence is low. At a time when the leaders of the country are focussed, rightly so, on restorative industrial strategies and elusive formulae for inter-regional and inter-provincial harmony, it is particularly heartening and timely to hear a loud unambiguous message reminding Canadians of the preeminence of inter-communal and inter-ethnic tolerance.

This was the case in Edmonton last week. The message was delivered in the conclusions of an eight-month investigation by a human rights board of inquiry chaired by Timothy Christian, dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta, into a joint Ku Klux Klan — neo-Nazi "Aryan Fest" in September 1990. The Canadian Jewish Congress took part in the hearings as intervener.

The "Fest" was the ugly wail and sordid cant of hatred. In a farmer's field near Provost, Alberta, the "festival" participants donned white hooded masks, brandished their weapons, heiled their Hitlers, heaped their scorn, planted and then burned their cross.

The board of inquiry warned Canadians to take steps to thwart these harmful plotters, whom it described as "the spectre of evil." "The Nazi regalia and uniforms; the Ku Klux Klan hoods and cross-burning ceremony; the military-style weapons; the racist taunts, the physical and psychological intimidations were not an accidental cluster of phenomena . . . We heard sufficient evidence of the network linking these extremists organizations to convince us there is an international conspiracy to create an Aryan nation."

It is common knowledge that the North American white supremacists have both inspirational and functional links with their European counterparts. And, unfortunately, these counterparts have lately found their own fertile fields of unemployment and economic distress into which to sow xenophobic messages of hatred.

Thwarting the plotters, however, is not achieved by determination alone. Rather, it requires commitment and courage among governments, law enforcement authorities, human rights agencies and all peoples and organizations who detest the racist creed of the Nazi and the Nazi sympathizer.

It also requires action: the appropriate use of the Criminal Code, as recommended to the Attorney General of Alberta by Dean Christian's board of inquiry, and the creative, persistent resort to human rights legislation as an instrument of social change.

Disquieting changes

The united Germany of Chancellor Helmut Kohl is still a democratic stalwart of the West. Parliamentary structures are now so ingrained in the fabric of Germany's government that it is difficult to conceive of a revision to previous types of authoritarian government popular in the earlier part of this century.

Despite this happy situation, there are, nonetheless, some small but disquieting changes in the texture of German society which bear scrutiny. The most obvious change is the audacity of neo-Nazi groups from former East Germany who have been staging ugly demonstrations against foreigners. The German government has taken steps to control these groups but they have not been entirely successful in this regard.

A more subtle and perhaps more disturbing change has been the reaction of German critics and writers to the highly acclaimed film *Europa Europa*. Although the film has won praise world-wide (and has been nominated for an Academy Award), many Germans have denounced the film because of its unflattering depiction of Nazi Germany and of the travail of a Jewish adolescent who survived the Holocaust by hiding in a Hitler Youth school. Some American critics have described the German reaction to the film as an expression of Germany's wish to be rid of the legacy of the past by denying it.

One legacy that is not being denied, however, is the German language. German diplomats, *The New York Times* reports (Feb. 23), are insisting on speaking German at international conferences. They are doing this in response to a government directive to return German to its former position as a major international language.

The decision to replace French and English (which most German diplomats speak) with German has been criticized by both the British and the French. Even former chancellor Helmut Schmidt has urged caution in trying to reassert the primacy of German because the gesture might stir up bad feelings. The current chancellor, Helmut Kohl (who speaks no other language than German), does not share this view and has taken a personal role in trying to urge the European Commission to add German to the official languages.

The three factors referred to above are not, in themselves, evidence that Germany is returning to the chauvinist paths of another era. That would be a development almost too sad to contemplate.

Snow swirls around giant menorah in Jerusalem.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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YOUNG LEAVE QUEBEC

In response to the many requests and pleas to the young Jewish English-speaking Quebecers to stay in Quebec and not leave the province to go elsewhere, I have a few comments to make.

I am a 28-year-old Jewish unemployed qualified female and I am having a very difficult time finding employment in the Jewish community. I have applied to many Jewish organizations as well as Jewish businesses and have not been hired by one of them due to the fact they have hired non-Jewish unqualified people over qualified Jewish applicants.

Where do you expect young Jewish people to get jobs if Jewish people won't hire other Jewish people? This is the reason for young Jewish people leaving the province.

Donna Kligman
Montreal

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NORTH'S VISIT

We are appalled at the decision of the Jewish National Fund to sponsor a lecture by Oliver North as a fundraising event. In the eyes of many across the Americas, Col. North is the very symbol of cynicism, greed, violence, deception and arrogance that has long characterized American foreign policy, and as such should not be embraced by those people whose daily prayers speak of a love of compassion, justice and peace.

It is especially discouraging that Col. North, who played such an active role in the oppression and disenfranshisement of the people of Nicaragua through his support of the mercenary contras, is being brought to Toronto by the JNF, which represents freedom and renewal for the Jewish people in Israel. Furthermore, there is a great deal of evidence that Col. North lied to his superiors, lied to the American Congress, lied to the Iran-Contra affair investigations, and lied to the American people — so why does the JNF presume that he will tell the truth to us?

He may tell us what we want to hear, but we cannot put our trust in a man who has such a history of dissimulation.

Neal Loevinger
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AGAINST SHECHITAH

Elaine Kahn says in her column that she thinks "any attack on kosher slaughtering is essentially anti-Semitic." (Circumcision ban should make us think, Feb. 11.) Would she also feel that the College of Physicians and Surgeons, which has now banned female circumcision, is anti-African?

Think of all the "reasons" that real anti-Semites have given for hating Jews. How often is kosher slaughter mentioned? Not very often. It is obvious to me that those who criticize schechitah (and I am one) usually do so out of compassion for animals, not prejudice to humans.

Rudy B. Solomonovici
Toronto

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SAYS EDITORIAL PREMATURE

It's one thing to attack the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) for intervening in court against the Canadian Jewish Congress on the issue of funding for the Jewish day schools (Unequal Liberties, Feb. 20). But your position founders on intellectual quicksand when you state that "CCLA offers no evidence . . . nothing more solid than pretentious propositions . . ."

Since the source of your information about our position was obviously the application we filed for permission to intervene in the court case, you should realize that such applications are not supposed to address the merits of the case. Their function is essentially to explain why the interests of the potential intervenor would justify its participation in the case.

At the very least, therefore, your attack on us was premature. But, if you are interested in our evidence and arguments on the merits, I would be pleased to write an article on the subject for *The CJN*. That would provide you with a more worthy target than you have had to date.

A. Alan Borovoy
General Counsel
Canadian Civil Liberties Association
Toronto

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APPLAUDS STUDENTS

I applaud and wholeheartedly support the wonderful 75 students (plus six not so young) who gathered Sunday, Feb. 23 under a cold sunny sky at the front of the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization, a United Nation agency.

All present, including Rabbi Penn and Rabbi Poupko, called upon the Canadian Government, United States Government, United Nations Organization and also upon Montreal City Mayor Jean Dore to put pressure on the Syrian Government to immediately free all our Jewish sisters and brothers held hostages within Syrian borders.

To these 75 plus voices it is imperative to add thousands of voices, the voices of all Canadian Jews. The next demonstration in support of Syrian Jews should bring out on the streets the entire Montreal Jewish community as we did in support of Soviet Jews.

Baruch Cohen
Montreal

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HATRED LIVES ON

It would seem that from Beverley Stern's point of view (*CJN*, Feb. 20) we are living in a peaceful, rational world where hatred of Jews is a phenomenon of the past. To suggest, as she does, that the freezing of settlements and returning of land will somehow result in peace for Israel is both naive and potentially dangerous.

Stern doesn't seem to be puzzled by the fact that before 1967 (when there were no settlements to dismantle or land to return), the Arabs could not find any reason to sit down and discuss peace with Israel; or why before 1948, when there wasn't even a state of Israel, massacres of Jews was a common occurence (eg. Hebron 1929). Indeed, it is only now, when Israel is in possession of land justifiably captured in a war of self-defence, and when settlements are being built, that these same Arabs are willing to sit down and negotiate with Israel.

Ramy Dishy
Toronto

Opinion

Rabbi Felder's vision must be respected

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I was away from Toronto when Rabbi Gedaliah Felder died, and also when his sheloshim observance was held. I was privileged to be present at some of his family simchas and also at the lovely and moving evening when he was paid a communal tribute a year or so ago.

Rabbi Felder deserves indeed to be memorialized by the entire community and I have always felt privileged to have maintained a close relationship with him.

Back in 1961 he was a part of a group that wanted to bring a greater sense of unity to the community. The sad truth was that many of the rabbis in Toronto did not know each other and lacked the opportunity to establish closer relationships. I broached the idea of establishing some form of association to Rabbis Felder, Walter Wurzberger and Stuart Rosenberg, who together represented the spectrum of Orthodox and Conservative Jewry in the city.

The idea was received favorably and after many meetings which defined the purposes and limits of the group, we did bring the Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship into being. Rabbi Felder's presence made it clear that everyone from right to left was part of it, and the meetings of the Fellowship were harmonious and totally bereft of partisan rhetoric.

Rabbi Plaut

The most important aspect of our meetings was always this: While we often disagreed, we always did so in an atmosphere of respect and courtesy. We rarely tried to persuade each other, except on some practical matters; instead, we recognized that we came to a common problem from different starting points and perspectives, and we acknowledged freely that we shared a love of God and of God's people.

I had additional reasons to be in frequent touch with Rabbi Felder. He was then already one of the halachic greats of our age, and his expertise in family law was recognized wherever Hebrew was read. He had a prominent part in the (Orthodox) North American Beth Din, and we often discussed its rulings as well as its direction.

I had many an opportunity to consult him on halachic problems and found him not only ready to assist me, but also to be possessed of a marvelously broad knowledge of the sources, which included even the lesser known decisors of the Middle Ages. More often than not, he would be able to recite their opinions by heart.

I once called him and posed a particular question. There was a moment's pause, and then he said: "Ah yes, that problem was discussed several hundred years ago and I remember the decision" — which he then proceeded to quote. "But wait a minute, let me see what I can find in the book." He came back to the telephone in a very short time and read me the passage, which duplicated what he had already recited from memory. I never failed to marvel at this capacity to recall so much and so readily.

His great contribution to the daily life of Jewry was his sense of communality. If his admirers and friends truly want to honor his memory then let them resolve to recreate some of the spirit that was his. We need to get together — from the far right to the far left, and we will ultimately not serve the community when we pretend that we do not need the others. Presently each of our rabbinical groups meets by itself — except for the Toronto Board of Rabbis which includes Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative, and a few Orthodox rabbis.

But the bulk of the Orthodox rabbinate has no part in it. Is it not a time to return to the breadth of Rabbi Felder's vision? Can we really not sit together to contemplate the welfare of our people in those matters which are removed from our particular concerns and recognize each other as common searchers of truth, lovers of God and servants of our people? Is there any use in pretending that the majority of rabbis in the city are not really "rabbis," when the majority of our people have no hesitation in perceiving the need for religious co-operation?

Rabbi Felder left a great heritage, and we would continue to honor him if once again we would find each other. The Jewish people are entering another era where we seem to be under siege. The time for co-operation is now. Tomorrow may be too late.

Buchanan candidacy a dangerous sign

By
AVRAHAM WEISS

Together with Sister Rose Thering, Father David Bossman and colleagues from the Coalition For Jewish Concerns, I travelled to Vienna, Austria in July 1986 to riase a voice of moral conscience. Kurt Waldheim was being inaugurated as president of Austria. As we were standing near the Austrian president's office, Waldheim and his supporters marched by. Holding up our signs denouncing Waldheim's Nazi past, we were surrounded by hundreds of angry Austrians.

"We should have hanged them all from the lamppost," yelled one. "Dirty Jews! If only we finished you then," shouted another. "Sister, you're no sister," screamed still another as she lunged to pull the yellow star from Sister Rose's coat. The Viennese police offered little protection.

I had always considered that moment to have been the most potentially dangerous in our long history of activism — until at the Manchester West High School auditorium, awaiting Pat Buchanan's appearance, we — a small group of protesters — found ourselves sitting among hundreds of his yahoos.

None of us was alive in the 30s, but from what I've read, the rhythm that evening just moment's before Buchanan's arrival, echoed things past. There was an atmosphere of mob hysteria: a swelling crowd crazed, almost hypnotized by the Buchanan message.

Thirty seconds into Buchanan's speech, we rose. Wearing symbolic death camp uniforms with the yellow star bearing the word "Jude" attached to our signs high. "Defending Nazis is Unpatriotic," read one. "Don't Vote for an Anti-Semite," said another. "Pat = Duke Without the Sheet," read a third. Aside from calling out, "Pat, we want you to see this," we said nothing.

Within seconds, all hell broke loose. We were surrounded by Buchanan goons. Our signs were ripped. Pushed towards the aisle, we did all we could to avoid crushing the older folks. As I was carried out, several in the audience cried out, "We should have finished the Jews in the camps," "Go back to Israel, you damn bastards," and "If you want me to take care of those Jews I'll do it right now."

We continued our protest outside the school building, and moments after the rally ended, we were again surrounded by frenzied Buchanan supporters. Were it not for the presence of news cameras, I believe we would have been seriously hurt.

I closed my eyes for a moment. Was this Manchester, New Hampshire, U.S.A., or Vienna, Austria? If this is the kind of reaction Buchanan provokes, how dangerous he really is!

I believe he is more dangerous than David Duke. He espouses Duke's positions, but in disguise. Buchanan has never carried a Nazi party card, or been a member of the KKK. But many of his views are identical with Duke's.

Like Duke, he has lauded Hitler, defended Nazis, and denied parts of the Holocaust, claiming, for example, in a 1989 column, that 850,000 Jews could not have been gassed at Treblinka.

Like Duke, he has raised the spectre of a Jewish conspiracy in Washington, calling Capitol Hill "Israeli-occupied territory." Just last year, Buchanan suggested that Israel and its "amen corner" here in the United States, were the only groups supporting America's intervention in the Persian Gulf War. Buchanan's position was simple. Non-Jewish blood would flow to satisfy the Jews' dark purpose.

Like Duke, Buchanan has vilified black leadership. In a 1969 memo to President Richard Nixon, he called Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "one of the most divisive men in contemporary history."

But unlike Duke, Buchanan is an especially tough and incisive writer. He knows how to couch a phrase. He admits Hitler was a racist, but then immediately suggests he was "an individual of great courage," "a leader steeped in the history of Europe." He concedes "that the blacks under apartheid are second-class citizens," but in the same breath adds that "apartheid is not the worst situation facing Africans today."

If Buchanan's sole intention was to suggest hunger and other ills are worse, he could have said so simply and directly. Instead, he couched that idea in terms specifically intended to minimize the horrors of apartheid.

Those who know Buchanan's record haven't been fooled. Alan Ryan, former head of the Office of Special Investigation, the federal agency responsible for rooting out former Nazis hiding in America, said, "Buchanan is the spokesman for Nazi criminals in the United States."

He has spoken out on behalf of Klaus Barbie, the "butcher of Lyons," Arthur Rudolph, the Nazi rocket scientist, Karl Linnas, who committed Nazi atrocities in Estonia and even Kurt Waldheim.

The normally cautious American Jewish Committee wrote in a background report of 1990 that Buchanan is "virulently hostile to Israel;" has "shown covert animus to Jews in general;" and has "implicitly supported those who think the Holocaust is a hoax."

From my perspective, even if one agrees with each of Buchanan's economic positions, his anti-Semitism and defence of Nazis should disqualify him from receiving any American's vote. It is alarming that Buchanan has not been challenged on these issues by any of the other major presidential candidates, including President George Bush.

As Buchanan boarded a bus in Manchester on his final day of campaigning, he saw me again standing a few feet away. Our eyes met. Clearly recognizing who I was, he pointed his finger and said, "and we will win big tomorrow."

He was right. He "won big." And so did bigotry and anti-Semitism. Because a vote for Buchanan — even one intended as a protest against the White House — is a vote for bigotry and anti-Semitism.

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A child's future may begin right now

By
ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

We dare to dream great things for our children. We hope their futures include happiness, wisdom, comfort, compassion, and companionship. We hope they grow up to practise their Judaism, to marry happily, to drive safely, and to be particularly swell to us.

We also hope they find occupations that satisfy, challenge and sustain them. If you ever wished you could take a little peek in a crystal ball and know just what your kids will do when they grow up, look at what they are doing now. Sometimes, we get a few small clues.

The minute our 8-year-old tenderly cleans her baby brother's "boo-boo," I see Florence Nightingale. Let her spend five minutes setting up a classroom so her sister can sing the ABCs and I see a full professor, already tenured.

Then, I notice that she has a challenging contradiction for every instruction, a flip-side to every coin, a new perspective on any situation. Tickle her curiosity and get a shower of questions. Contradict yourself, and get skewered. I know, I can see it now . . . a trial attorney!

Then again, I see how much mileage she gets from even the smallest emotion. She can cry at will (cry! She can run a temperature at will!). When delighted, she flies, she swirls, she hugs and she offers extravagant gratitude. When thwarted, she storms and pleads, the innocent victim of wretched circumstance. Then she makes a great effort of pulling herself together, presents her most persuasive, woebegone face, chin quivering, and begs, in a voice of pathos, "Please, just this once." Ah, the future is clear to me at last . . . an actress! Sarah Bernhardt, move over.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Yet, she is practical and mathematically precise. Unlike me, she can list and gainfully employ every stitch of clothing she owns. She can assemble miscellaneous tops and skirts and tights into outfits that would cost double their original value at some chic boutique. A little lavender T-shirt here, a little flowered skirt there, a bag, a belt, a pair of tights, and voila . . . a future fashion designer!

Consider our 5-year-old who has given every doll she has ever owned the same name (Sarah). This child leads an internal life of rich imagination we can only guess at. Although we must go along with whatever game is motivating her at any given time (princess? pirate? potato farmer?), we are seldom clued in as to just what game it is. She is preoccupied, internally busy while externally absent, prone to leaping to fantastical conslusions about ordinary events . . . destiny obvious beckons. I can make the same kind of leap: of course, she'll be a novelist.

She is her sister's peer as an actress, or an attorney, for that matter, and she has her own persistent skills as a negotiator; if there is a future market for bagaining, she'll never be bored.

Daniel, our 2-year-old merchant of mischief, loves noise (a rock star?), his four tattered blankets (a dry cleaner?), water (a ship's captain?) and climbing (the world's first Jewish lumberjack?).

But, most of all, he loves machines. He likes to turn them on, and listen to them hum, the louder the better. His favorite toy, recently, is a flashlight. He's already figured out the VCR, already triggered the panic button on his grandparents' burglar alarm system, already turned the car lights on, already wrecked the kitchen radio and his older sister's record player.

The safety caps on the electrical sockets have withstood his assaults, but only because they're backed up by constant adult supervision. More and more, the only way we can protect him from poking in sockets is to put massive pieces of furniture in front of them. It doesn't do much for the decor, or the convenience of the rest of the household, but so far, he hasn't interrupted the electrical power of the entire county by pushing his pacifier into the plug, although he has tried.

His favorite game is wandering through the house flipping switches and turning things on: the dishwasher, the washing machine, the television. The only way to keep him from turning things on during Shabbat is to unplug them before it starts. He has changed the setting on our clock-radio so often my husband says it displays "Daniel Standard Time."

So, what does his future hold? An electrical engineer, perhaps, or an inventor, forever free to fiddle with gadgets to his heart's content. Any mother would kvell: my son, Rube Goldberg.

As parents, we try to shape the future by seeing unlimited potential in every gesture, an optimistic outcome in every game of "pretend." And why not? I'll find contentment with whatever they become, as long as they always come home.

Features

Libya fears U.S. military action

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

A year after smashing the Iraqi army in the Gulf War, the United States and its allies are considering military action against another Arab country, Libya.

Libya stands accused of masterminding the downing of an American and a French civilian aircraft in 1988 and 1989 — Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, and UTA (Union de Transports Ariens) Flight 772 over Niger. The Pan Am incident claimed 270 people, including 11 Britons on the ground, while the UTA crash resulted in the deaths of 170 passengers.

The United States, as well as Britain and France, are demanding the extradition of two Libyans who, they say, took part in the terrorist acts. They are Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamin Khalifa Fhiman, both of whom are nominally employees of Libyan Airlines.

On Jan. 21, at the behest of the Bush administration, the United Nations' Security Council unanimously approved a resolution calling on Libya to surrender the pair and co-operate with the United States, Britain and France in the investigation of the bombings. It is believed that plastic explosives downed the airplanes.

If Libyan leader Muammar Khadafi does not comply with the resolution, the sponsors will ask the Security Council to impose economic sanctions. Aviation links with Libya could be severed. An embargo against Libya's main export, oil, is unlikely since several Western European nations, most notably Germany and Italy, rely on Libyan petroleum.

Although the United States, Britain and France are prepared to give Libya a reasonable amount of time to comply, they have not ruled out military action to bring Khadafi to heel.

Clearly, Libya fears an attack, since the precedent has already been set. In 1986, after then president Ronald Reagan accused Libya of planting a bomb in a West Berlin club frequented by American soldiers, U.S. jets bombed Libyan bases in Tripoli and Benghazi, killing some civilians, including Khadafi's daughter. In the early 1980s, U.S. and Libyan aircraft clashed over the Mediterranean on several occasions, with Libya coming out the loser in each dogfight.

Libyan-American relations deteriorated after Khadafi's seizure of power in 1969. Khadafi, an Arab radical, is opposed to Israel's existence. During the Reagan administration, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Libya, and today, the Libyan regime tops a U.S. list of states supporting international terrorism.

Fearing an American military assault, Libya has done its utmost to defuse the simmering crisis.

While denying any involvement, Libya has opened its own investigations into the Pan Am and UTA bombings and placed the suspects under house arrest.

The Libyans say they are prepared to try them, but only on Libyan soil. However, Khadafi will not agree to their extradition — the chief demand of the United States, Britain and France.

Last week at a press conference in Tripoli, officials insisted that Libya would never surrender the suspected culprits.

Meanwhile, the *New York Times* reports that Libya is bracing for an attack. Trenches have been dug. Machine-gun emplacements have been set into place. Food has been stockpiled. The state-controlled Libyan press warns of "neo-Christian colonialist aggression."

But can Libya really be blamed for complicity in the Pan Am and UTA affairs?

Israel, for example, is surprised that Syria has been absolved of the crime. According to Israel's foremost military writer, Ze'ev Schiff, Israeli experts firmly believe that a major share of the responsibility lies with Ahmed Jabril's Syrian-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, General Command. Israel contends that Jabril's group — which vehemently opposes the Middle East peace process — is sheltered by Syria (which the United States also describes as a terrorist state) and financed by Iran (whose rejection of Israel's very existence is no secret.)

Israel, Schiff writes, believes that the facts made known about the case by the United States and its allies neither rule out nor contradict evidence of involvement by either Syria, Iran or Jabril.

Those who agree with Israel's position argue that the Bush administration has let Syria off the hook because of its support of the anti-Iraq coalition during the Gulf War and its endorsement of and participation in the current round of Middle East peace talks.

Initially, the United States linked Syria with the Pan Am outrage, but last November, the U.S. Justice Department singled out the two Libyans, who are reportedly connected with Libya's intelligence service.

Within hours of the announcement, U.S. President George Bush personally exonerated Syria by boldly declaring that "the Syrians took a bum rap on this."

Robert Mueller, the U.S. assistant attorney-general, claims that Washington does not exclude the possibility that Syria, Iran or Jabril may have been co-conspirators in the plot to blow up the ill-fated Pan Am and UTA planes. But he adds that no such hard evidence exists. What is more, he claims that the investigation is not colored by political motives.

In an interview broadcast on Israeli TV, Mueller said that evidence pointing to Libyan involvement began to accumulate late in 1989 with the arrest of Jabril's second-in-command, Hafez Dalkamuni, in what was then West Germany.

Dalkamuni had in his possession barometric timers of Libyan origin that, investigators contend, were used in the Pan Am and UTA bombings. It has been ascertained that the plastic explosives were concealed inside a Japanese-manufactured radio cassette player.

In a development apparently related to Libya's fears of an imminent U.S. attack, Libya is purportedly dispersing its stockpile of chemical weapons from a plant in Rabta to isolated sites in the Sahara.

Khadafi is said to feel that if the United States and its allies strike Libya, the Rabta facility will be one of the first to be hit.

The new director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Robert Gates, said recently that Libya has accumulated about 100 tons of chemical weapons.

Libya claims that the Rabta factory produces only fertilizers and pharmaceuticals.

Libyan demonstrators rip apart a U.S. flag at an anti-American rally in Tripoli.

The Jewish World

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

On a dull, damp, bone-chilling autumn day, when Hamburg looks bleak and uninviting, Heidi P. recalls a painful episode of her youth in 1942, when Germany was a totalitarian Nazi state.

She was about 9 years old and, like most children her age, was blissfully innocent.

Heidi had just come home with the wonderful news that the BDM, of which she was a member in good standing, had asked her to be the leader of one of its local branches. The BDM was like the Hitler Jugend, only all its members were girls. In Nazi Germany, BDM membership was mandatory for all "racially pure" German citizens.

Heidi's mother's jaw dropped when she heard this news. Heidi couldn't fathom her odd reaction.

Regaining her composure, Heidi's mother gently but firmly explained that she, Heidi, could never aspire to a leadership role in the BDM. If she did, the authorities would scrutinize their family tree with a fine toothcomb.

Heidi was puzzled.

Heidi's mother then entrusted her with a secret... a secret she promised never to divulge.

To her great surprise, Heidi learned that the paternal side of her family was of Jewish origin; that her great-great grandfather had been a rabbi; that her grandmother, Renate, was a full Jew under the Nuremberg Laws and had married a Protestant lawyer; and that one of their sons, Helmut, Heidi's father, was technically half-Jewish and therefore beyond the pale insofar as the Nazis were concerned.

A shocking discovery

Helmut had lost his job in a law firm after Hitler's accession to power in 1933. He faced constant surveillance and hardship. With the outbreak of World War II, he joined an air defence unit, but was curtly dismissed because of his Jewish ancestry. Helmut desperately searched for work, finally finding a menial job as a packer. Nevertheless, he was harassed by the Nazis, forced to clean away mounds of snow on wintry days and nights.

Heidi was not a foolish girl. Now she fully understood why she and her family had to keep a low profile. Nazi Germany was a hate-ridden society where even the slightest evidence of Jewish ancestry could mean the difference between dignity and humiliation, life and death.

Heidi and her mother, a full-blooded Protestant, moved to the countryside, far from preying Nazi eyes, and managed quite well. Helmut remained in Hamburg, never sure when he would be picked up and deported.

Renate's sister, Helga, was deported to Theresienstadt in Czechoslovakia. By the skin of her teeth, she survived its privations. After the war, she returned to Hamburg.

Helga's daughter, Karin, was sent to Auschwitz. There she perished. Helga's brother, Harry, a art historian, immigrated to the United States and ended up living in New York City.

Now, looking back, Heidi — an artist and a mother of three grown children — ruminates about her Jewish heritage.

No, she doesn't feel Jewish, having been baptized and having been brought up as a Christian. But yes, her Jewishness, however remote and withered, has affected her outlook.

Heidi abhors racism and bridles at anti-Semitic remarks she sometimes picks up in conversations. If she's in the company of a person who turns out to be anti-Semitic, she makes a point of mentioning her half-Jewish father, who died in 1968 "feeling like a German."

Although Heidi has taken an interest in Hamburg's pre-war Jewish community, she is not well versed with things Jewish. Her children are aware of their Jewish ancestors, but they're "thoroughly German."

As a young woman, Heidi fell in love with a German Jew whose parents had moved to Palestine. But this romance broke up, and Heidi has yet to set foot in Israel, a country she generally admires.

From an historic perspective, Heidi is the end product of a process of acculturation and assimilation that even National Socialism could not undo. For Heidi, Jewishness is not much more than a vague concept. In her family, Jewish religion and culture have been supplanted by Christianity.

'Kosher' steel unites Jews, Muslims

By
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Far from the halls of the State Department and the conference rooms of Madrid, Muslims and Jews in the United States have been quietly working together — to make steel kosher.

In a move initiated by Silver Spring, Md., Rabbi Jonah Gewirtz, the steel industry has agreed to change a process that involves animal-based lubricants in the manufacture of steel. Until now, say Jewish and Muslim clergymen, who observe similar dietary restrictions, eating food stored in steel cans has been equivalent to eating from a non-kosher pot.

Rabbi Gewirtz's forged an unusual alliance between Jews, Muslims and Seventh Day Adventists, representing a combined population of 1.2 billion people who are technically forbidden to consume pork, shellfish and meat that has not been ritually slaughtered.

"At first it seemed ludicrous," said Rabbi Gewirtz, president of the newly incorporated kashrut agency called Certified Steel, Shipping Packaging Transport. "You don't expect steel to be non-kosher, so it was something that went easily overlooked for so long."

For many years, Rabbi Gewirtz was an Orthodox pulpit rabbi in Connecticut and then in New Orleans. Now he is a full time kashruth inspector handling national accounts such as Baskin Robbins ice cream and Freshens Yogurt.

Three years ago, a tip from a steel drum manufacturer in Chicago sent him in an unusual direction. Rabbi Gewirtz, 50, began making inquiries and investigations into various steel companies and found that an animal-based lubricant, literally pig grease, was routinely and liberally used in the production of steel. He and other food experts observed that even an alkaline rinse could not remove all traces of the grease from the surprisingly porous steel.

Rabbi Gewirtz contacted major kosher certification agencies, including the influential Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America (OU) and the Star K of Baltimore. He also contacted the Islamic Food and Nutrition Council (IFANC). Together they created an alliance to lobby the steel industry to change oils.

Not all kashruth agencies agree that the animal-based lubricants are a problem, although the steel industry concedes the potential for contamination. Ninety percent of the industry, led by giants U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel, is switching to synthetic or vegetable-based oils to facilitate rolling steel.

"We took the position we couldn't have any of our consuming public concerned about the use of our products," said Reuben L. Perin, vice-president of sales for U.S. Steel. "It was certainly an unusual step for us."

But good will and dietary concerns alone are not enough to motivate an entire industry to change its ways. A growing global market, especially the rise of exports to the Muslim world in the last decade, may have convinced the steel industry that keeping kosher, or its Muslim equivalent, halal, is good business.

"They realized that there are three different religions working together to improve something. They saw it as a marketing opportunity," said Mohammed Chaudry, president of the IFANC. He said that the Muslim world would eventually have shunned canned food imports when the news spread.

A formal link between Jews, Muslims, Seventh Day Adventists and now vegetarian organizations is unprecedented in the kashrut industry. For the past 60 years, kashrut inspection has been the sole province of Orthodox rabbis and businessmen. U.S. food corporations pay nearly 100 different kashruth agencies an estimated $20 million annually for kosher certifications or hechsherim.

Traditionally, Muslims have avoided forbidden foods rather than trying to convince companies to undergo regular inspections. Now the Islamic Food and Nutrition Council, which began certifying foods four years ago, may begin to play a more active role in inspecting food.

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Education urged to fight missionary groups

By
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TORONTO —
Missionary groups are converting Jews to Christianity at a "frightening rate," and the Jewish community's only defence is education, said Mark Powers, national director of Jews for Judaism, a counter-missionary organization.

In a recent lecture at Adath Israel Synagogue, Powers said more Jews have been converted to Christianity in the last 19 years than in the last 19 centuries, owing to the efforts of groups such as Jews for Jesus — groups which he refers to as "Hebrew Christians" though they refer to themselves as "Messianic Jews."

Powers said an estimated 160,000 North American Jews are actively involved with these missionary groups today, and he expects that number to triple by the year 2000. These groups have sizeable operating budgets, Powers said, assessing their combined resources as $100 million.

Powers said a large percentage of this money is now being used in the effort to convert Jews from the former Soviet Union, who he said are exceptionally vulnerable because they are in the midst of great upheaval and because they lack knowledge about Judaism.

Powers said these missionary groups have converted "the best and the brightest from the Jewish community" by "dressing-up Christianity to look Jewish."

Julius Ciss, director of the Toronto office of Jews for Judaism, echoed Powers' assertion. Ciss told the packed auditorium that he had been active in Jews for Jesus for five years in the 1970s, and that the organization had lured him "by disguising Christianity in a Hebew cloak." Ciss recalled that his congregation had sung Jewish songs, danced to Jewish folk music and that men wore tallesim (prayer shawls).

Ciss also recalled that a few individuals had altered their Christian surnames to sound Jewish. Ciss noted that Jews for Jesus uses Jewish symbols such as Magen Davids and menorahs on all its paraphernalia, including nationally-distributed magazines and brochures.

Ciss also said Jews for Jesus distorts Jewish holidays such as Passover, during which the three matzos placed on the seder table are said to represent the Holy Trinity. Ciss said he left Jews for Jesus when he discovered it had "mistranslated" certain biblical passages.

Ciss and Powers both emphasized education as "the first, second and third line of defence," against Christian missionary groups. "Jews must have a thorough understanding of their religion," said Powers, "because without it [groups like Jews for Jesus] can play games. A Jewish education is a never-ending process," he said.

"You should find answers to Jewish questions at a Jewish institution. What kind of answer will you get in a church?" Ciss said many Jews are "willing to throw Judaism away because they don't know what it is."

DEDICATION

Richard Allen (centre), minister for colleges and universities, was among officials taking part at the recent official opening of Beth Tikvah, Hamilton's first Jewish residence for developmentally handicapped adults. With Allen are Stanley Tick, president, Beth Tikvah Foundation of Hamilton, and executive director Emmy C. Weisz. Others taking part in the ceremony included Heather Burke of the Ontario ministry of housing; Don Cornish, ministry of community and social services; Mayor Robert Morrow and rabbis Bernard Baskin, Israel Silverman and Morton Green.

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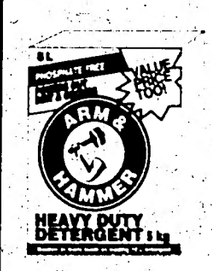

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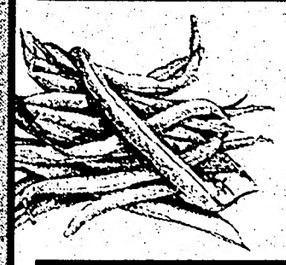

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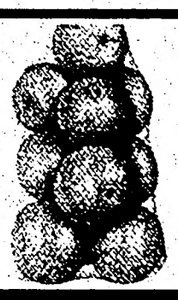

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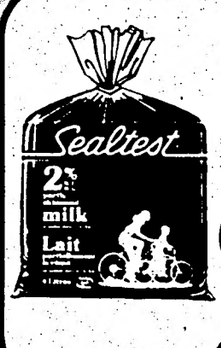

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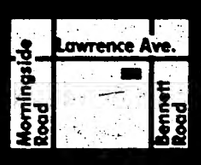

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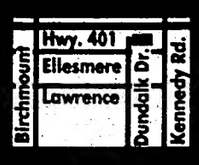

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Alzheimer research threatened by Ontario bill, says Baycrest

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Ontario government's proposed legislation to protect vulnerable persons could have an adverse impact on Alzheimer research and will create an unnecessarily adversarial atmosphere between care-giving institutions and patients' advocates, a legislative committee studying the proposed legislation was told recently.

The government's Substitute Decisions Act (Bill 108) "will effectively put an end to Alzheimer research, in this province at least, until the end of this century and likely well beyond," said a submission by the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Four government bills have passed second reading in the Ontario legislature and are being studied by committee. The Consent to Treatment Act (Bill 109), the Substitute Decisions Act (Bill 108), the Advocacy Act (Bill 74) and the The Consent and Capacity Statute Law Amendment Act (Bill 110) are designed to protect the rights of individuals who may be incapable of making informed decisions about their own health and financial circumstances.

Moshe Greengarten, vice-president of public and community affairs at Baycrest, said the effects of Bill 108 will preclude research being conducted on individuals who are incapable of giving their consent.

In many cases, Alzheimer victims do not make arrangements to give explicit authority to others to make such decisions for them, he said. But with an aging population and the expectation that Alzheimer's Disease will reach "epidemic proportions unless a cure or treatement can be found," it is necessary to allow substitutes such as family members or those with a close relationship to the victim to make decisions on permitting research, he said.

Baycrest's submission states that safeguards to protect the rights of "incompetent individuals" are already in place. The centre's Rotman Research Institute "has developed detailed protocols to ensure the protection of incompetent persons.

"Alzheimer research won't resume until the public is educated about the new law and people consent to be involved through a power of attorney for personal care, which may take years," Greengarten said.

The proposed legislation was also criticized by the Alzheimer Association of Ontario, which called it irrelevant for victims of the disease. In a news release, the association said that if enacted, the legislation will mean long delays in treatment and a slowdown in the research that might aid the province's 120,000 Alzheimer patients.

A second area of concern for Baycrest are Bill 74's proposals for a universal advocacy program to protect the rights of vulnerable persons. (That could include the frail elderly, the developmentally handicapped, the physically disabled and psychiatric patients.)

"There is no evidence that a universal advocacy system is required. . . An alternative system that is more selective in determining those in need of advocacy services might be preferable," Baycrest's submission states.

Bill 74 does not set out the expertise and training of these advocates; it gives advocates an "excessively" broad right of entry into institutions without having to show that someone is at risk or suffering abuse; and its stress on a "proactive" approach will lead [to] the situation where advocates "are looking for problems," Baycrest argued.

"This fomulation of the issue does set up a confrontational relationship between those who work (and volunteer) in institutions and the proposed advocacy program," the submission stated.

"This type of model is not helpful in a geriatric setting," Greengarten said.

Among the 14 recommendations offered by Baycrest are one for a study of alternative advocacy models and another stating that any advocate's powers would be targetted to specific situations where there are reasonable grounds to indicate the need for involvement.

Joining Greengarten in addressing the legislative committee were Dr. Don Stuss, vice-president of research at Baycrest, and Dr. David Conn, head of psychiatry at Baycrest.

Vaughan council backs new Associated campus

VAUGHAN —

The City of Vaughan's council, sitting in committee, last week unanimously approved the revised site plan for the future campus of Associated Hebrew Day School.

Several residents turned out for the hearing and voiced their concern about increased traffic, noise and congestion from the school, to be located on four acres on Atkinson Avenue at Rosedale Heights Boulevard in Thornhill.

Some residents are also concerned about the school's size. It will house 900 students, which they say far exceeds student populations at other suburban elementary schools.

Vaughan's council was expected to put its stamp of approval on the site plan this week.

The only change made in the revised plan was the elimination of several parking spaces in favor of added buffers, Ward 3 councillor Bernie Green told *The CJN*.

Residents on Roseborough Crescent, immediately west of the site, are concerned that noise and fumes from cars and buses will seep across their lot lines.

The original site plan was revised to reflect residents' concerns, Green added.

Those changes included more space between parking spots and residential boundaries, the erection of a six-foot fence between the school and the nearest lot line and the moving of the bus drop-off point nearer to the school.

"I really believe [school officials] have tried to be as sensitive to residents as possible," Green said.

Groundbreaking for construction is scheduled for this June. The school is slated to open in September, 1993.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

DEADLINE REMINDER

Please note that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Feb. 27 is deadline for March 12 issue and Thursday, March 5 is deadline for March 19 issue).

Also, please remember that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Thursday, March 5

KOFFLER GALLERY PREMIERE

The Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., premieres Inner Motifs: Fifteen Years of Exploration, a retrospective on the work of Edmonton sculptor **Leslie Alan Reynolds,** in the Main Gallery and Iron Mask, an exhibition of recent wall-mounted sculptures by **Carl Skelton,** in the Loggia Gallery, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5. The exhibition continues until April 29. For additional information, call 636-2145.

ROSH CHODESH LUNCHEON

Usher in Adar II at the monthly Rosh Chodesh Luncheon arranged through the Ohr Somayach Thornhill Women's Studies program, Thursday, March 5 at 613 Clark Ave. This month's entertainment features the Yotzot B'Machol, **Lisa Marcus** and her dance company. Lunch will be served promptly at 12:45 p.m. Cost is $13 per person and babysitting is available at no extra charge. Call now to reserve, 886-5730.

Saturday, March 7

KEHILAT AHAVAT CHESED

Join Kehilat Ahavat Chesed at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 7 in the Haifa Room, Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave., to welcome rabbinical student **Tobie Weisman** who will conduct morning services, give a D'var Torah and lead a discussion. Babysitting is available. To inquire further, call 733-9848.

BBYO DANCEATHON & DANCE

B'nai Brith Youth Organization holds its annual 10-hour Danceathon and City-Wide Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 7 at the B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. Music will be provided by **Dave Altshuller,** Universal Sound DJ Entertainment. Admission is $5 B'nai Brith members, $7 non-members. Come party and support the marathoners. For more information, call 635-9411.

Sunday, March 8

YOUNG CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Chris and Ken Whitely and the Junior Jug Band will entertain at a children's concert 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at Holy Blossom Temple. Tickets, $5 in advance, are available at Holy Blossom, 1950 Bathurst St. or $7 at the door.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BREAKFAST

White Collar Crime in Ontario will be examined when **Jay Nester,** crown counsel, Ministry of the Attorney General, addresses Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood, 470 Glencairn Ave., 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 8. The public is invited. No admission charge.

BETH AVRAHAM PURIM CARNIVAL

Get your costumes ready for the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Youth Purim Carnival, with over 30 fun-filled booths, clowns, face painting, three super shows including Uncle Yisroel and his Magical Instruments, plus bingo, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill. Admission is $1.

HOLY BLOSSOM BREAKFAST CLUB

Holy Blossom Brotherhood Breakfast Club, 1950 Bathurst St., invites everyone to a discussion which should prove to be as lively as it is timely, Do We Pay Too Much Tax? to be introduced by a representative from the Taxation Coalition of Toronto, Sunday, March 8. Services are at 9 , breakfast 9:30.

THE JEW IN HOLLYWOOD FILMS

Canyon Lodge, B'nai Brith, holds a lecture and discussion on The Cinematic Portrayal of the Jew in Hollywood Films, with **Ruth Margel,** and commentary by CHFI radio film critic, **Michael Rechtshaffen,** 8 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. For more information, call **Lynda/Murray Bokhaut,** 731-7967.

Monday, March 9

JSU BOOK REVIEW

Jewish Students' Union, University of Toronto, welcomes everyone to hear **Gerald Shroeder,** author of *Genesis and the Big Bang*, who will discuss his book at 5 p.m. Monday, March 9, in Room 2110, Sidney Smith Building, 100 St. George St.

MODERN CHALLENGES TO JUDAISM

Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations conclude their joint adult education series on The Challenges to Jews and Judaism in the Modern Age, with **Prof. Arnold Ages,** Monday, March 9. The lecture will be held 8 p.m.at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

BETH JACOB BOOK REVIEW

Beth Jacob B'Anshe Drildz Sisterhood, 147 Overbrook Pl., invites you to attend its next meeting, 8 p.m. Monday, March 9, when **Rabbi Moses J. Burak** reviews *Jephte's Daughter*, by **Naomi Ragen.**

AT BETH TIKVAH

Yael Seliger, consultant to the Board of Jewish Education, will consider, Hebrew: Breaking the Boundaries Between Two Worlds, when she speaks at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., 8 p.m. Monday, March 9. Non-members admission is $5 per lecture.

THE COMPANY OF STRANGERS

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood, 100 Elder St., cordially invites you to A Night at the Movies, 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 9, for a screening of *The Company of Strangers*, followed by a review and discussion with film critic **Heather Kassell.** Admission is $2 members, $3 guests. Refreshments. For further information, call 636-5122.

ANIMAL RIGHTS

Animal activists cry cruelty. What does the Torah Say? When do people's rights become subordinate to animal rights? Chabad Lubavitch Monday Evenings for Men and Women, probes this issue with **Rabbi Y. Shur,** 8:50-9:40 p.m. March 9 at 770 Chabad Gate. This will be preceded by a lecture, When the G-d of Mercy Commands to Hate, with **Rabbi Yosef Gansburg,** 7:45-8:35 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10

TORONTO'S SEPHARDI COMMUNITY

The History of the Sephardi Community in Toronto will be surveyed by **Dr. Sarah Carlen** at the Beth Tzedec Sisterhood program, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10. RSVP 781-3511.

LIVING JEWISH SPIRIT

On Tuesday, March 10 at 7:45 p.m. in Bathurst Heights Library, 3170 Bathurst St., (just north of Lawrence Plaza), the Association for the Living Jewish Spirit will hold a discussion session on the general theme, What Do You Say to Children When They Intermarry? The specific topic will be: How Do You Break the News of an Intermarriage to Members of the Family? All are welcome to attend the sessions. For further information, call **Rabbi Reuben Slonim,** 789-2876.

HOLY BLOSSOM STUDY GROUP

Holy Blossom Tuesday Morning Study Group, 1950 Bathurst St., looks forward to a talk on Jewish Genealogy, with **Bill Gladstone,** a member of the Jewish Genealogy Society, 9:45-11:30 a.m. March 10. Contact **Rhonda,** 663-3812, for further details about fees and babysitting.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Chinese Tiger Hats: from the Collection of the Museum for Textiles at Holy Blossom, will be the focus of the Pomegranate Guild meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday March 10 at Holy Blossom Temple. For more information, call **Sue Krivel,** 633-1903 or **Harriet Liebmann,** 222-7292.

BETH DAVID SISTERHOOD

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood, 55 Yeomans Rd., invites you to hear **Freydelle Brief,** whose topic will be Multicultural Dialogue, Multireligious Dialogue - What's in it for Us? 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10.

Wednesday, March 11

JEWISH MUSIC SOCIETY

Songs and Remembrance Among Sephardi Jews, a musically illustrated lecture expanding on the Sephardi tradition, will be given by musicologist **Dr. Kay Shelemay,** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Tickets are $10. Tickets are also available for the lecture and an April 11 concert of Sephardi Song, for a combined price of $25. Visa and Mastercard accepted at 631-5660.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The "To Life" group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave., (north of York Mills Road). For more information, contact **Rabbi Steven Cohen,** 229-2600.

Thursday, March 12

FOREST HILL LIBRARY FILMS

Films at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., 1:30 pm. Thursday, March 12, include *Clown Princes* (1960) and *Castleguard Cave*, (1974).

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

PURIM CARDS

Purim is just around the corner and AMICHAI, the Educational Fund for Ethiopian Jewry, is selling Purim cards. Buying the cards fulfils the important mitzvah of giving gifts to the needy and is a wonderful way to remember family, friends and out-of-towners at Purim. Cost is $12 for a packet of five cards. Tax receipts are issued for a sale of two or more packets and AMICHAI delivers! Call **Maxine Blendis,** 785-3448 or **Ronitte Friedman,** 256-0800.

BETH TZEDEC STUDY LUNCHEON

On Saturday, March 14, at a noon luncheon following services in Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., **Lewis Levendel,** director of communications for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, former associate editor of *The Canadian Jewish News*, author of *A Century of The Canadian Jewish Press*, will discuss his book. Paid reservations should be made no later than Tuesday, March 10. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated. Call the office, 781-3511.

SCHOLAR

Adam Anhang, (left) of Winnipeg, an 18-year-old freshman majoring in finance, who has been named a Jacob Burns Merit Scholar at Yeshiva University's Sy Syms School of Business in New York City is shown with former Syms dean, Dr. Michael Schiff. The $5,000 annual scholarships have been awarded to nine undergraduates for outstanding academic achievement, community leadership and a commitment to combine a business major with Judaic studies.

CHOCOLATE COOKBOOK

The Victoria B.C. chapters of Hadassah-WIZO have published a cookbook entitled, *I Never Met a Chocolate I Didn't Like*, which offers 180 pages of delights - all featuring chocolate. It includes everything from chocolate muffins to frostings, tarts, tortes, cheesecake, bars and sauces. Also included are tofu chocolate pudding, low cal pot-de-creme and carob honey pie shell filling. The book, edited by **Diana Shnider,** can be ordered through Hadassah-WIZO Cookbook, c/o Jewish Community Centre of Victoria, 3636 Shelbourne St., Victoria B.C., V8P 4H2. Cost is $14, including mailing and tax. Diana promises orders will be filled promptly.

BETH SHOLOM PURIM CARNIVAL

Bring the kids for food, fun and games, plus **John Quarterly's** Famous Magic Act, Sunday, March 15 at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., from noon-3 p.m. There will be a special prize for each youngster in costume and admission is free.

ART FOR CHILDREN

Mixed Media Art for Children, a stimulating course in painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture and other media for youngsters 6-11, is offered Wednesdays, 4:45-6:45 p.m. at the Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art, 4588 Bathurst St. Register now!

For information on classes in various arts and crafts, call 636-2145.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and also Mincha, Maariv (for times call **David** at 256-1600). At 8 a.m. on Shabbat, there are Talmud Studies with **Gershon Samonovits** and 9 a.m. services follow. Everyone is welcome.

For further information, call the above number.

OHR SOMAYACH SHIURS

Are you concerned about Purim, neurotic about Pesach? Attend the Brunch-Time Shiur series every Monday morning to April 6. Lectures, to be held in the Ohr Somayach wing, 613 Clark Ave., start promptly at 10 and finish at 11:30 a.m. Your questions can be answered and insights on the Megillah and Haggadah are offered too. Babysitting provided. No admission charge. For further information, phone 886-5730.

VOLUNTEER FOR BAYCREST

Do you have afternoons free? Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is looking for caring, patient, outgoing and committed volunteers to work with cognitively impaired patients. Tasks include bedside visits plus engaging in activities designed to stimulate the patients and provide interpersonal contacts. Training session will be provided. If interested, please call 785-2850 now.

ISRAELI DANCE WORKSHOP

It's an Israeli Dance Workshop—with teacher/choreographer **Yomtov Ohayon,** who is on his first visit to Canada. He will teach his own choreographies as well as dances of other choreographers, 8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Saturday, April 4 at the JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. 2nd floor gymnasium. Cost, $10, including GST. And, there is a Wednesday, April 8 special program, 8:30-11:30 p.m. in the main dance

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SCIENCE FAIR

Students from grades 6-8 participated in Bialik Hebrew Day School's annual Science Fair. Pictured above are (from left) Craig Nathanson, science teacher Anita Eckhaus, Mika Gazit, Leah Gitterman, science teacher Anna Teper, Michelle Silberman and Rebecca Joffe.

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studio, with dances; review and requests. Cost is $6. Contact **Teme Kernerman,** 636-1880 ext. 364 or **Elaine,** ext. 273. Soft soled shoes, please!

CAFE ESTHER AT BETH TORAH

Beth Torah Congregation, 47 Glenbrook Ave. is planning Cafe Esther, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14, with a light buffet supper and dancing to the music of **Fern Dworkin.** Dress is casual or come in costume. Cost is $10 per person. To reserve by March 11, call 789-3046 or 782-4495.

SHALOM VILLAGE, HAMILTON

Here are March highlights at Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. N., Hamilton. For information on any of the following events, call **Susan Mills,** 528-5377:

Thursday, March 5, 2:30 p.m. current events with **Ben Treister;**

Friday, March 7, 10 a.m. Shabbat service in the garden lounge;

Sunday, March 8, 10:30 a.m. volunteers' meeting and brunch in the garden lounge;

2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, Simcha Sunday, with entertainer **Richard Flock, (Elsie Shoan's** and **Ruth Johnstone's** birthdays); and on Thursday, March 9, come celebrate Purim!

REBBITZEN WEINBERG IN MIAMI

Women's Mikvah League of Miami Beach is sponsoring a lecture by **Rebbitzen Phyllis Weinberg,** in-house psychotherapist at the Orthodox Counselling Service in Toronto. Do We Control Our Midos Or Do They Control Us? is the subject to be explored and illustrated with tapes which define how the emotions can trigger harmful gossip. The talk is slated for 8:15 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at Young Israel Synagogue, 1850 N.E. 183 St., Miami Beach. All ladies are welcome.

For information on films written and produced by Rebbitzin Weinberg as well as consultations and lectures, call 781-4327 or 783-5751.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

Jewish Family and Child Service offers these workshops:

Parenting: The Challenge of the '90s - groups for parenting teens, preschoolers, stepparenting, and for the older parent;

Widows/Widowers group: To discuss coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships and looking ahead (begins March 11 for six weeks);

Single in the '90s: Aerobics for the Heart and Mind, group for singles to discuss new relationships, projecting a positive image, family pressures, intimacy and more.

For information about registration and fees, call **Pat Lieberman,** 638-7800, ext. 215.

LEGACY OF BEZALEL

Following a private reception sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Bezalel, the Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum, 1700 Bathurst St., presents The Legacy of Bezalel, March 9-through May 3, (hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11 p.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment), an exhibit featuring works created by artists from the Bezalel School in Jerusalem, from 1910-1930. Bezalel, founded in 1906, is a vibrant centre for multi-media contemporary arts.

For information about Canadian Friends of Bezalel, contact **Janice Segal,** 445-9920.

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This spring, you are invited to join Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning in "nourishing Jewish roots through study." Classes are held at a variety of convenient locations and times. For a brochure, call 660-3154.

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TRIP TO CHINA IS PRIZE

The Parkinson Foundation of Canada, Toronto to chapter and the B'nai Brith Youth Organization, present a Giant Monte Carlo Casino Charity Nite with casino games, bingo and giant auction, 7:30 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, March 28 at Fairview Mall, Highway 401 and Sheppard Ave. E. First prize is a trip to China, second prize, two orchestra seats for *Les Miserables.* Tickets, $5, include $2 worth of chips. Proceeds are to expand community programs.

For tickets, call 502-1531.

YIDDISH CLASSES

Shaar Shalom Sisterhood will hold a series of six Yiddish classes at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, 8-9:30 p.m. on alternate Thursdays, starting March 12. Cost is $30. All are welcome. To inquire further, call **Janice Landy,** 731-7575.

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SPRING FASHION SHOW

Spring, A Fashion Trilogy, at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation, 613 Clark Ave., Tuesday, March 31, features fashions by Edna Schwartz of the Colonnade, Big, Bold and Beautiful, Rhonda Maternity, Suru's Hat Boutique. Boutiques are open 7-8 p.m., fashion show, 8-9, boutiques again, 9-10. Refreshments, door prizes. Cost is $18. For reservations/tickets, call 771-6711.

GRAGGER WORKSHOP

The Centre for Jewish Arts and Crafts, 52 Colville Rd., is having a graggor making workshop for children, Sunday, March 15. Girls classes (ages 7-18), are 10 a.m.-noon and 12:30-2:30 p.m. Boys classes are 3-5 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Register by March 13. Fee (covers materials) is $15. Call 614-3434.

ANOREXIA BULIMIA SUPPORT

If you are a parent, brother, sister, spouse or friend of a sufferer from an eating disorder such as bulimia or anorexia, don't wait — join the Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group which holds meetings the third Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Toronto City Hall. Next meeting is March 18. Call Antoinette, 766-8134.

MASHEL TEITELBAUM'S LANDSCAPES

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is collaborating with four Ontario galleries to present the first major retrospective of works by the flamboyant and often controversial **Mashel Teitelbaum.** The McMichael exhibition, which continues to March 29, is Georgian Bay Landscapes and features a series of oils completed from 1977-1985.

LEARNING DISABILITIES ASS'N

Learning Disabilities Week concludes on March 6, but the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario would like everyone to know that its work is carried out by volunteer chapters in over 50 communities as well as in the provincial office located in Toronto. The LDAO knows that the learning disabled can learn and the focus of its activities is to help them realize their full potential. For information, phone 487-4106.

for seniors

Prescription Drugs! What You Don't Know Could Hurt You, will be the topic 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, when **Beth Tikvah Friendship Group, 55 Plus,** 3080 Bayview Ave., features a lecture on prescription drugs, by pharmacist **Mark Rosenhek.** Members $2, non-members $3. Refreshments.

North York Community House, 3101 Bathurst St., in co-operation with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, offers a free income tax clinic for people with no dependants and income of $15,000 or below, or people with dependants and income of $22,000 or below. Call 784-0920 now, for an appointment.

Israeli Dance Workshop '92 with **Yomtov Ohayon,** is set for 10 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, April 8 in the main dance studio, **North Y branch, JCC,** 4588 Bathurst St. Price, $4, includes workshop and refreshments. Admittance by ticket only. Tickets (limited number) are on sale in the senior lounge. To inquire further, call **Teme Kernerman,** 636-1880, ext. 364. Soft soled shoes please!

Starting March 21, as the snowbirds return home, **Kol Yisroel Synagogue** will resume services, to be conducted by **Mark Biller** 9:30 a.m. every Saturday in the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Everyone is invited. No membership charge.

Enter "60 and holding" is an ongoing, low cost, professionally led nutrition counselling and weight reduction program at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesdays. A new 8-week session starts March 4. For further information, call 789-5131, ext. 2267. Wagman Centre members and guests, register by March 9 for a Purim Celebration highlighting holiday and folk songs with **Linka Lechtenberg,** 3-4:30 p.m., Sunday, March 15. Bring the children for surprise entertainment! Residents free, members $2, guests $3. Minimal Vision program for residents and members continues with Orientation and Mobility, 1-2:30 p.m., Monday, March 9 in the Fireside Lounge. Enjoy a concert with The Bubbies and the Zaidies, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8. On Tuesday, March 10 from 7:30-8:30 p.m., the Alexander Singers will present the music of Gilbert and Sullivan. Both are in the assembly room.

Free income tax preparation assistance is offered in conjunction with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, Tuesdays, 6:30-9 p.m. until March 24, at the **North Y branch JCC,** 4588 Bathurst St., . Income guideline for assistance is: $15,000 with no dependants, $22,000 with dependants. Call early for your appointment. Contact **Teme Kernerman,** 636-1880, ext. 364.

Shaarei Shomayim Seniors Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., has arranged for the following Artpark matinees, *Annie,* June 18; *Cabaret,* July 30; and *West Side Story,* Aug. 13. Register now for July 20-28 at the Homowack Hotel in the Catskills. Cruises are also being planned. And, there will be a Purim Party 1 p.m. Monday, March 23 at the shul. For details on these and various ongoing programs, call **Lena,** 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield,** 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors Club Purim Party and Dance are slated for 7-11 p.m. Sunday, March 15 in the community centre. Members $8, non-members $10. A trip to Stage West Mississauga is planned for Wednesday, April 1. Cost, including buffet and show, is $30 per person, members and non-members. An Atlantic City trip, March 7-9, costs $75, and includes $20 U.S. for casino or lunch. For more details on these and future trips as well as ongoing activities, call 636-7856 Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Helen Issenberg,** 225-2112.

Add a spark to your Sunday with a delicious hot meal. The Bernard Betel Centre announces Sunday Hot Lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost: $4.50 members, $7.50 non-members. Cafeteria is also open 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dance to the exciting music of the Creative Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8. Cost is $3.50 for members, $4 non-members.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre provides an Update on Diabetes, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the synagogue, Thursday, March 5.

at the JCC

Call the JCC Singles Hotline 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

The following courses will start during March at the JCC North Y branch: March 2, Keeping Kosher: The "Whys of Mitzvahs"; March 3, The Biblical Bridge to Modern Zionism; March 9, Intellectual Currents in Modern Jewry; March 10, Jewish Identity in the 21st Century; March 11, Songs and Remembrance Among Sephardi Jews-Expanding the Sephardic Tradition; March 17, Yiddish is Alive and Well...And Fun; March 25, Imagination or Reality: Jewish Teachings and Speculation on Life After Death; March 30, The Difficult Road to Peace, 1941-1991.

Courses starting at the Bloor Y branch are: March 2, Jewish Continuity and Ambivalence in Canada; March 4, The PLO: An Analyis of Terror; March 5, Madam I'm Adam. Now What?

For further information on courses at both Ys, call 631-5660.

VARIETY SHOW

Continuing a tradition of community service, Grade 5 students at Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, Danilack branch, staged a variety show for Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care residents. (From left) are Arin Klug, Jennifer Peto, Laura Godfrey, Ma'ian Roifman and Melissa Wolkowicz. Their teacher is Elana Shevach.

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Organizations and People

Board rejects Bible clubs

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
A brief skirmish was fought last week in the ongoing battle for lunchtime Bible clubs in public schools.

The York Region Board of Education turned down a motion by board chairman Harry Bowes that it adopt the position that: "A room in a school be available at noon hour to parents or students who request it when in the opinion of the principal it is in the best interests of the local school community."

Of 18 board members present, Bowes' vote was the only one in support of the motion.

In a telephone interview, Bowes told *The CJN* that he has received many calls from parents complaining that Bible clubs can no longer be held during the lunch hour in York Region schools.

Prior to the current school year, the Sunshine Square Club held optional Bible classes in four Stouffville elementary schools. The club was cancelled in the wake of a Supreme Court of Canada decision ruling against schools promoting any particular religion during school time. Ministry of Education guidelines consider lunch hour part of the school day.

Amend guidelines

Bowes said he would like the ministry to amend its guidelines to find that the lunch hour is not part of the school day.

Meanwhile, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, recently formalized its policy regarding "religious/Bible clubs."

"Congress has historically advocated against the promulgation of 'religion' in the public school system," the two-page policy document states.

"The concern for Congress is what effect would these particular 'Bible clubs' have on students not of the Christian faith as well as on Christian students not sympathetic to the orientation of the particular evangelical club.

"The sanctioned presence of a 'Bible club' could be perceived by students as indicating a certain form of school board 'support' or 'approval' of these religious activities," the Congress policy states. "This could lead to the promulgation of one religious tradition in a public school setting."

Congress recommends that any Bible clubs that are permitted "should not be initiated or sponsored by the school itself"; that the clubs should not meet during school hours; that there be no coercion, pressure or proselytization of students; and that a monitoring mechanism be established to ensure compliance.

Pam Bailey, special assistant for policy for Education Minister Tony Silipo, said the ministry is currently examining its definition of the school day.

CAMPAIGN FINALE

CITY-TV star Jeanne Beker (centre) recently spoke at the final 1991-92 campaign year program held by the Business and Professional Women's Network (B&P) of the United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus. Karen Diamond (left) and Noni Rabinovich (fourth from left) co-chaired the event. Evelyn Koch (second from left) and Karen Fox (right) are the outgoing B&P programming co-chairs. [Jay Brodbar photo]

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Toronto's Orthodox Singles presents a **Post-Purim Toronto Shabbaton** (Clanton Park Congregation). March 20-22. Ages 25-45. 3 Shabbat meals $125. Saturday night extravaganza $30. Sunday brunch $25. Call Sharon Ganz 785-0761, Ruth Balofsky 764-5833. 8681

Matzoh Ball Connection (a new Jewish singles group for ages 25-40) presents it's first Toronto dance party. Wednesday, March 11th. 8:00pm. Remy's on Yorkville. $10.00 cover at door. A donation will be made to the Hospital For Sick Children, Research Division. 8966

Organizations and People

BBW/C helps keep kids warm with its Mountain of Mittens

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Most of us do not give a second thought to dressing our children in warm hats, scarves and mittens on cold winter days.

Last winter, however, several members of B'nai Brith Women of Canada did think about it and were surprised to discover that thousands of children in the Toronto area go to school each winter morning without proper clothing.

Barbara Swimmer, board member, B'nai Brith Council of Toronto, said that what resulted from their discovery is the very successful Mountains of Mittens program, a program that had women in Toronto and Montreal knitting hundreds of pairs of mittens for these children.

"Last year we distributed about 800 pairs of mittens to children in the Toronto, North York and Peel Boards of Education and were shocked when we found out that this was not enough to go around," she said.

In order to get a head start for this winter, women in Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg began knitting mittens, hats and scarves last spring for distribution in December and January. "In Toronto we gave out about 1,100 pairs of mittens plus hats and scarves to North York children. The need is so great there, they gobbled them all up," said Swimmer.

Letters from the children to B'nai Brith Women of Canada are a testament to how happy they were with the mittens, hats and scarves. "Today I did not have any mittens at all and it was very, very cold but this afternoon recess I was so warm because of you very nice ladies. If it wasn't for you ladies I would have been sick. Thank you very very much for caring," wrote one chid.

Another wrote: "Thank you for my best colors. Last time my other mittens ripped and today was very cold and I did not have anything to wear. I am going to keep this as long as I live."

Swimmer said that "when we received these letter we were teary-eyed. The kids are so appreciative and their parents are happy. It is a need that just does not go away and we're happy to do whatever we can to help. Hopefully it will become an annual project.

She said that women are already knitting for the next year and anyone willing to knit or donate wool can call the national office at 630-9313. "Women are knitting while on the bus or attending meetings. It's a worthwhile way to keep busy and keep the kids warm."

Marni Collier (left), president, B'nai Brith Women of Toronto and Marilyn Schwartz, Mittens chairman are surrounded by a pile of mittens earmarked for school children in Toronto.

Etrog Club entertains

TORONTO —

The Etrog Club, an organization for Hebrew-speaking retirees based in the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, recently held an evening of Israeli song by featured artists. Approximately 350 members came to hear the performers.

Shmuel Fish

The event was a benefit on behalf of United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus and all funds raised at the event were earmarked for new immigrants in Israel.

Chairing the event was Etrog's founder, Shmuel Fish, who also served as emcee. Fish, a Romanian who made aliyah in 1938, came to Toronto in 1987 and soon discovered that there was no Hebrew club for Israeli retirees. The club now meets regularly and features a wide array of social events and speakers geared for Israelis.

Yona Gazit, Israeli UJA/Operation Exodus shaliach, briefed the audience about the efforts of Operation Exodus over the past few years.

"We are now concentrating our efforts to convince the Jews of the Moslem republics (in the former Soviet Union) to leave — not to wait," he said. "We have 11 shlichim in the area. El Al has begun direct flights to Tashkent in Uzbekistan and they are flying out on a weekly basis."

Nava Weiner, chairman of the Association of Israelis in Toronto, also addressed the audience. The association is an umbrella organization for various Israeli groups, chapters and clubs in the city, including Etrog.

Hosting the entertainment segment of the program was Shimon Zer-Aviv, host of *Israel Today*, a Hebrew-language radio show on CHRY-FM 105.5 that airs every Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon.

He introduced artists including Itzchak Argaman, Linka Lichtenberg, Boris Naiman, Rachel Castroyano, Batsheva and Ahuva, all who performed songs in Hebrew, Russian and Yiddish.

The surprise of the evening was entertainer Meir Tal, a singer who had flown in from Israel for a performance elsewhere in the city. All the entertainers volunteered their time.

Upcoming events planned for the Etrog Club will include observing national Israeli holidays including Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut. Boris Naiman, who performed at the UJA/Operation Exodus benefit concert, will entertain at the Etrog Club's Yom Ha'atzmaut dinner and dance.

Both events will be held at the Betel Centre. For more information, contact Shmuel Fish at 398-4476 or Chaya Eisenberg at 669-4163.

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Organizations and People

Clinic stresses healthy lifestyle

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Self-help seems to be a major theme among medical practitioners these days, a sort of buzzword that combines the current interest in healthy lifestyles with the old saw that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Clients at the Henry Korenblum Family Health and Sports Medicine Clinic at the northern Y branch of the Jewish Community Centre are given the same message practically from the moment they drag their tzekrocheneh, tzebrocheneh bones through the door.

In addition to the therapy they receive to help them in the short term, they are instructed in ways of developing a healthy lifestyle to help prevent their injuries recurring in the long term. "We push the patient to take some responsibility for their [own] care," said Dr. Howard Winston, medical director of the clinic.

Winston is one of four primary care physicians affiliated with the clinic who perform an initial medical assessment, even if the patient has already been examined by a referring practitioner.

Once the patient's problem is diagnosed, a treatment program is devised under the guidance of one of the clinic's four physiotherapists and/or nutritionist. An orthopedic surgeon is also available for consultation, Winston said.

Senior therapist Frank Ammirato said about one-quarter of the clinic's patient load consists of elderly people, mostly JCC members, many with problems linked to arthritis.

Facility located in JCC

About half the rest are treated for sports injuries — anything from a sprained ankle to a surgically-reconstructed knee.

The final quarter are people who've been involved in accidents. In the winter season, skiers make up the bulk of the injured athletes, many with tzeklapdeh knees.

Weightlifters with muscle strains and tears, basketball players and joggers with knee and ankle problems make up a large proportion of the clinic's clients.

In the summer months, golfers with bad backs and elbows, tennis players with tennis elbow, and baseball players with rotator cuff injuries keep the therapists busy.

Each of the four therapists treats about 20 or 30 patients per day, with an estimated 70 percent of them JCC members, Ammirato said. The remainder are residents of the surrounding area.

At the same time that they receive therapy, they are also given an exercise program and a diet (if necessary) designed to keep them fit.

It's all part of the educational approach that Winston said is a cornerstone of the clinic's philosophy.

"The main key for us is to educate and prevent" those injuries so we don't have to treat them, he said.

Even though the clinic is located in the North Y branch (enter the front doors, turn right and you're there) and even though it's named for JCC benefactors, it is an independent enterprise that is affiliated with the Alan Eagleson Sports Injury Clinic at York University and the Fitness Institute, Winston said.

As a result, you don't have to be a member to take advantage of its services.

Dr. Howard Winston checks in on patient Paul Savage's exercise program. [Paul Lungen photo]

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Organizations and People

JNF reissues five of its stamps

JERUSALEM —

Philatelists may rejoice: to mark the Jewish National Fund's 90th anniversary, JNF's Stamp Department has reissued five of its stamps, something it has never done before. The special souvenir sheet will pay homage to four of JNF's time-honored institutions — the blue box, the Golden Book, tree planting, the JNF's Teacher's Council — and one of the more recent fields of its 90 years of endeavor, a forest recreation area.

Jewish National Fund stamps are among the oldest and most colorful chronicles of early Zionist history. Inaugurated in Vienna in 1902 as a popular fundraising device, JNF stamps have since travelled far along the drama-strewn path of Jewish national rebirth.

The first stamp showed the word Zion set within a blue Star of David. Later issues immortalized the founders and leaders of the Zionist movement, Jewish ideologists, religious leaders, writers, artists and World War II resistance fighters. But, more than anything else, their depiction of land reclamation, afforestation and settlement themes have afforded an unparalleled window onto Israel's revival.

Affixed to official Zionist documents and personal correspondence, business mail and even love letters, early JNF stamps were put to wide practical use. In Turkish-ruled Palestine during World War I, they were used on letters sent among Jewish settlements. In 1939, the 21st Zionist Congress obliged all Jewish national organizations to attach them to their mail, together with regular postage stamps.

Years later, during a three-week period between the end of the British Mandate and the proclamation of the State of Israel by the Provisional State Council, JNF stamps served as regular postage stamps until the first Israel government issues became available.

Today JNF stamps are affixed to all Israeli school report cards as a matter of course. This is how 19-year-old Yinon Simhi discovered that his design for the Young Olim Forest had been chosen for a JNF stamp. "I was stunned when I saw my sister's report card," he says, "and flattered by the credit." His name appears in tiny letters just above the lower, perforated edge.

A segment of a JNF poster he designed as part of a study project at Petah Tikva's Amal Alef College of Technology, Simhi's stamp shows rows of saplings merging into a single large tree. "Israel absorbs olim just like a JNF forest absorbs tree saplings." explains Simhi.

Simhi, who has just begun his three-year army service in the Israel Defence Force, is the second youngster to have his design feature on a JNF stamp. The first was Tali Kahalani of the same college, whose design appeared in 1988. Inspired by the countrywide forest arsons that year, it showed two hands protectively cupping a sapling.

According to Gideon Lehrs, director of JNF's Stamp Department, JNF stamps have aroused international interest — not only for their historical and artistic value, but also among philatelists, as a result of their carefully regulated production.

The stamps are issued three to four times a year, with about half a million stamps printed for distribution to schools alone. Market price lists are published regularly, and the department promptly informs its subscribers and other collectors and philatelic organizations around the world of new issues. Brochures bearing mounting sheets and vital philatelic information in Hebrew and English are currently being prepared, along with a comprehensive catalogue listing the 4,200 JNF stamps published since 1902.

All textual inscriptions appear in both Hebrew and another language — usually English — with JNF and Israeli Government postage stamps sharing the unique distinction of boasting kosher glue.

Yinon Simhi explains the finer design points of his JNF stamp-poster.

Aryan Nations blasted

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

An Alberta human rights board of inquiry last week upheld a complaint against white supremacists Terry Long, Ray Bradley and Milton Carney Nerland arising out of a cross-burning "Aryan Fest" in September 1990.

It did so employing scathing language, condemning Long, Bradley and their advisor John Ross Taylor as "dedicated Nazis. Their creed is racial hatred and their goal is the destruction of our multicultural society."

The board ordered that Long, Bradley and the Aryan Nations refrain from similar displays of swastikas, white power signs, burning crosses and KKK symbols.

The complaint, filed by seven Alberta residents, including Hal Joffe, co-chairman of community relations for the Calgary Jewish Community Council, alleged that the display at the rally of "whites only" signs and the use of anti-Jewish slogans were discriminatory and violated the province's Individual Rights Protection Act.

The Aryan Fest was held on a farm owned by Bradley, leader of the Brotherhood of the Regular People. The rally included the burning of a 10-metre high cross as participants shouted "Death to the Jews."

The board decision was welcomed by Canadian Jewish Congress, which was an intervener in the case. "The board of inquiry has recognized that the desecration of the cross through burning and the display of swastikas and white power signs are despicable, racist and discriminatory acts which have no place in Canada," said Joseph Wilder, Congress national chairman of community relations.

The three-person board, chaired by Timothy J. Christian, dean of law at the University of Alberta, found that "the Aryan Fest was a shocking event in the history of Alberta. The blatant display of signs and symbols redolent of racial and religious hatred, bigotry and discrimination challenge the very foundations of our society."

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Organizations and People

Recovery group off to good start

TORONTO —

The Jewish Recovery Network (JRN) of Canada recently held its recovery swap meet to allow Jewish people recovering from various dependencies to intermingle.

The JRN is a network of people from 20 different 12-step recovery programs. It offers a Jewish perspective to its membership and an outreach to the greater Jewish community. It is an offshoot of a community forum run by the Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS), an affiliate of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. The JRN and JF&CS have an ongoing liaison relationship.

According to Martin Fisher, JRN president and co-founder, those who turned out for the swap meet traded their old recovery books, tapes, videos, mugs, T-shirts and help books on a variety of topics for other memorabilia. A book store at the event featured a large range of recovery topics. In a sitting area, ongoing videos about recovery were shown.

Membership to JRN is mainly open to Jewish people in recovery, their family members and significant others, particularly professionals who are involved with dependency issues or the Jewish clergy, Fisher explained.

"Solutions in the form of 12-step programs are not in any way contrary to Jewish tradition," he stressed.

According to Fisher, the need for the organization became apparent last October, when Fisher and co-founders Paula Smurlick and Jay Pasternak held what was intended to be a modest JRN opening meeting for 40 people at Congregation Beth David, on Yeomans Road. All three were amazed when close to 200 people showed up, 90 per cent of whom were Jewish people in recovery programs.

Rochelle Thompson, consultant and trainer on addiction at JF&CS and professional advisor to the JRN said, the opening meeting at the synagogue allowed the group to take the next step.

"It caused them to look at their own spirituality. That gave birth to the network. They are filling a very meaningful Jewish spiritual need," Thompson said, adding that "Addiction can be found in Jewish living rooms and not only in the backyard.

"That first meeting was unusual," said Fisher. "It was the largest group of Jewish recovery to get together in Toronto and the largest — if not the only — of 12-step programs to ever get together."

The Jewish community is opening up to Jewish recoverers, Fisher noted. The JRN has taken a role as facilitators between recoverers and synagogues.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at Congergation Beth David Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous meets at Kehilat Shaarei Torah, on Bayview Ave., Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

The JRN is planning a monthly study group for members, incorporating some aspect of recovery as it relates to Judaism. One such group was recently run by Rabbi Philip Scheim of Beth David.

A clean and sober Passover seder is being planned, as is a professional seminar in co-operation with the Jewish Community Centre and JF&CS. A summer retreat will be held at a Jewish camp with kosher facilities.

The JRN is establishing programs for Jewish people who are recovering from various dependencies both in the Toronto area as well as elsewhere across Canada.

For more information about the JRN, call 225-0547.

HERITAGE EXPO

Or Haemet Sephardic School of Toronto recently held a successful evening marking Sephardic Heritage Expo '92. It included many interesting displays and exhibits. The student displays include a Sephardi food exhibit, biographies of well-known religious leaders from the past, traditional costumes, musical instruments as well as a live band and performing choir, religious artifacts, a miniature village and Sephardi Judaica. The displays are now on exhibit at the A. Latner Jewish Public Library. Junior kindergarten students Arielle Tchiprout and Dorel Fischtein admire the displays.

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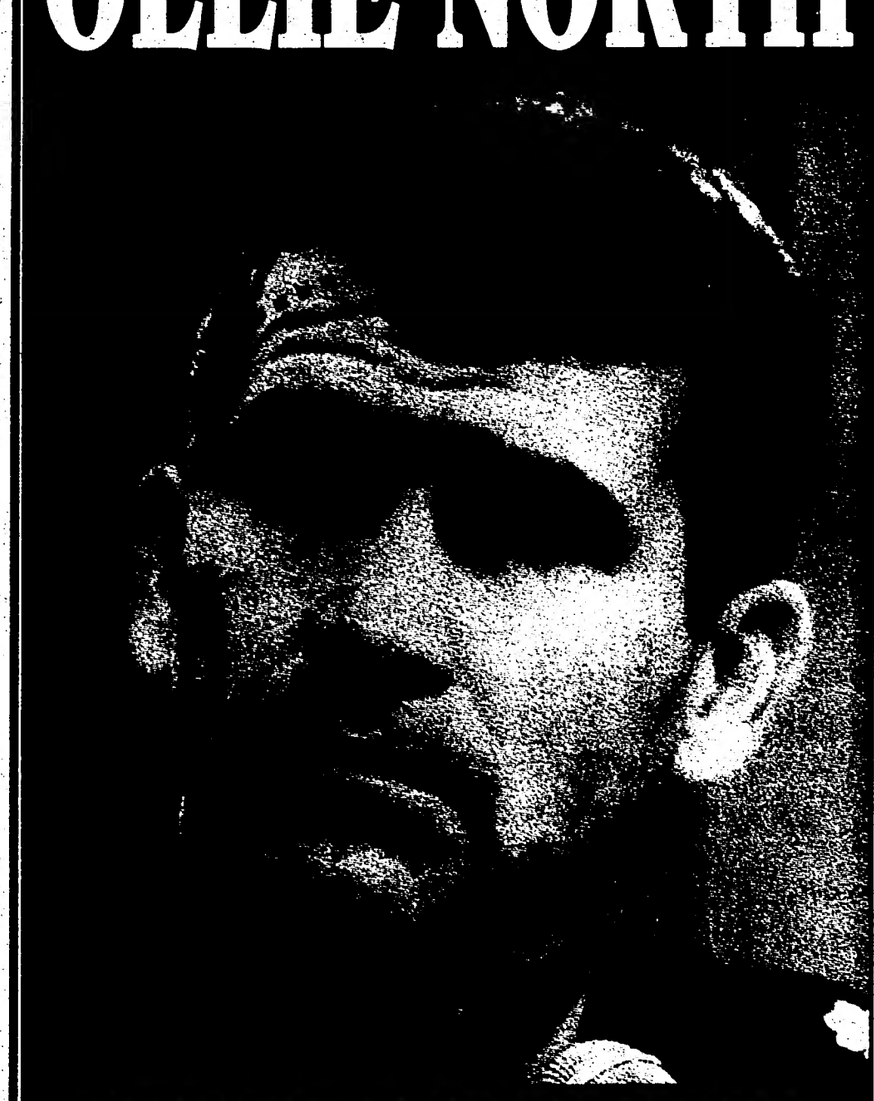

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Organizations and People

Eight-year-old Adam Walman (centre), won a trip to Israel when his name was picked in a draw that followed the 1991 Walk to Israel. It will be the youngster's first visit to the Jewish state. United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus, has announced that Judy Engel (left) and Judy Shulman will co-chair the 1992 event. [Jay Brodbar photo]

Engel, Shulman to co-chair 24th annual Walk for Israel

TORONTO —

Judy Engel and Judy Shulman will co-chair the 24th annual 1992 Walk for Israel. The announcement was made by United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus.

Thornhill resident Shulman and Richmond Hill resident Engel will share their expertise in Jewish lay leadership with a diverse array of committees and groups that will participate in the May 31 event.

The 25th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem is one aspect that will be incorporated into the theme of the upcoming Walk for Israel.

"We want to bring a sense of spirit back into the community in times that are very difficult," says Shulman, who adds that they will be reaching out to those who are entering their adult years.

"There is a whole community out there of young adults and teenagers that we want to reconnect with the walk," Shulman says. "That's one of our focuses."

Shulman and Engel are both graduates of the federation's Leadership Development program, which is a two-year program offered to future lay leadership within the Jewish community.

"We're looking for the Walk to Israel to focus as a family event, but there will be something for everybody," says Engel.

The walk for Israel is scheduled for Sunday, May 31. It will culminate with a Yom Yerushalayim celebration. The location has not yet been announced.

Distress line seeking recruits

TORONTO —

Tel Aide, the Jewish distress line, is seeking recruits to apply for its training program.

Tel Aide is a special service of the Jewish Information Service (JIS) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

According to Joel Verbin, director of the JIS, Tel Aide is a special service offered in the Jewish community to individuals who are lonely, upset, are having child-care problems or heatlh problems and who may be under psychiatric care.

"The idea is not to give advice or resources to callers," explains Verbin. "In fact, this is rather the antithesis of the main goals of a distress and crisis intervention service."

Applicants must first fill out a written application before being interviewed. The recruitment process culminates in an evening or Sunday morning training session. Each session lasts from two to two and a half hours. Not all applicants are accepted into the training program.

Volunteers will assist callers who would like to talk to someone objective, look at alternatives within their problems, or express feelings about stress, unhappiness, unemployment concerns and more.

The minimum commitment after training is six weeks on the Tel Aide phone lines. Most of the volunteers serve one or more time slot, usually between three and four hours per week.

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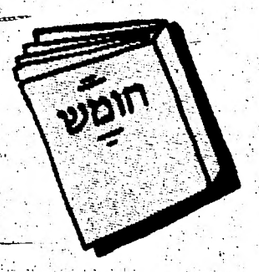
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TORONTO —

Eighteen years ago the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation of Toronto became the first congregation in Canada to purchase the special $1 million capital note of the State of Israel.

Sold through the Toronto office for State of Israel Bonds, the note is a five-year loan to Israel which is channelled to Israel's development budget to make possible the construction of roads, power plants, sewage and water treatment facilities. After five years these interest-bearing loans are repaid to the lender.

After launching Beth Emeth's historic purchase, the synagogue's Bond committee, led by David and Sandra Anisman and James Graff, carried on the tradition by continuing to organize a Monte Carlo dinner and draw. The proceeds raised from the sale of tickets made possible the purchase by Beth Emeth of an additional $1 million note each year since 1975.

According to Larry Waller, executive director of the Toronto Bond office, "No other synagogue in all of North America has, to my mind, demonstrated anywhere near this level of sustained investment in the State of Israel."

About 400 people attended the 18th annual Monte Carlo dinner recently held at Beth Emeth. In the early years, event organizer David Anisman donated a new luxury car which was the grand prize for the dinner draw. However, for the past several years the prize has been $5,000 in cash.

Initially, the money raised by the dinner was set aside, in the event that the interest of the note paid by Israel to Beth Emeth fell short of the interest the synagogue was required to pay to their bank for use of the $1 million. In fact, over the past 18 years, the notes have actually earned more for Beth Emeth than the interest costs incurred. This has allowed for a great deal of the proceeds from this annual event to be directed to a variety of Israel-based charities, in addition to maintaining the annual purchase of the million dollar note.

As these five-year notes have matured, the Beth Emeth group has continued to repurchase them, thereby allowing Israel continued use of these funds.

Charles Diamond, the new national executive vice-president for Canada Israel Securities, paid tribute to the outstanding leadership of Beth Emeth and particularly Sandra and David Anisman and Jim Graff, who have been at the forefront of this effort since its inception 18 years ago.

In addition to the note program, the State of Israel Bond organization recently introduced the first ever Canadian dollar denominated bond. The Canadian Variable Rate Issue Bond (or CVRI) pays a guaranteed minimum interest rate of 7½ per cent per year on investments of $25,000 (Can.) or more. (In fact the current rate is 7.62 per cent through April 1992.) With current interest rates low and still falling, this particular bond compares favorably with Government of Canada treasury bills, and is gaining increased popularity with investors.

Money raised through the sale of Israel Bonds is now exclusively earmarked for immigrant absorption and development. The worldwide Bond organization has set a Canadian goal for 1992 of $100 million in combined bond and note sales.

At the 18th annual Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Monte Carlo dinner are (from left) Charlie Diamond, national executive vice-president, Canada Israel Securities; Jim Graff, event co-chairman; Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth; David Anisman, event co-chairman; Larry Ross, synagogue president; and Larry Waller, executive director, State of Israel Bonds Toronto. [Arnold Machtinger photo]

Shul moves quarters

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The "Country Shul" has moved from its quarters in the basement of a home to a store in the Bathurst Glen Plaza at the north-east corner of Bathurst and Carville in Richmond Hill.

The Orthodox congregation was founded by seven families two years ago and maintains an affiliation with Aish HaTorah.

"We don't have a rabbi, we're like a little shtebel," said Sarah Weitz, one of the founders.

At its High Holy Day services last year, the congregation attracted 150 people, many coming from as far east as Bayview Avenue. The shul has regular services every Friday night and Saturday.

On March 9, the congregation will hear an address by a noted scientist from the United States, Gerald Schroeder, on the subject, Genesis and the Big Bang.

Harvey Weitz and Jack Feinstat are members of the executive.

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Ollie North

When the story broke in 1988 that the United States was secretly selling arms to Iran — contravening its own rules — and funneling the profits to the right-wing Contra rebels in Nicaragua, a political firestorm was loosed and it thrust a previously obscure Marine officer into the national spotlight.

As an operative of the National Security Council in the basement of the White House, Lt.-Col. Oliver L. North wheeled and dealed with the enemy, engaged in all sorts of clandestine spy stuff involving missiles, hostages and secret deals and ultimately took centre stage in the still-unfolding Iran-Contra affair, which some pundits say will make Watergate look a kid's prank.

Some believe North took the fall for his superiors, perhaps even for Ronald Reagan himself, who hailed North as a "national hero." Before a Senate committee, North riveted a wide television audience with his testimony. To some, he was a hero; to others, a villain.

By the time his trial began in 1989, North faced 12 charges, including conspiracy to defraud the United States, obstruction of justice, theft of government property and lying to Congress. He was found guilty on three counts and sentenced to a three-year suspended sentence, a $150,000 fine, two years probation and ordered to perform 1,200 hours of community service.

In July, 1990, an appeals court reversed one count and vacated the other two. Last May, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of that ruling.

Now free and clear, the 48-year-old North is commanding hefty fees for his North American lectures. His book, Under Fire, *co-authored with William Novak, tells a taut tale of an American patriot caught in a web of intrigue and betrayal.*

North will appear in Toronto on March 11 at 8 p.m. for a lecture at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, sponsored by the Jewish National Fund of Toronto.

CJN reporter Ron Csillag spoke with North last week.

CJN: *There are quite a few people in our community who are very much opposed to your appearance here next week, for various reasons. What do you say to them?*

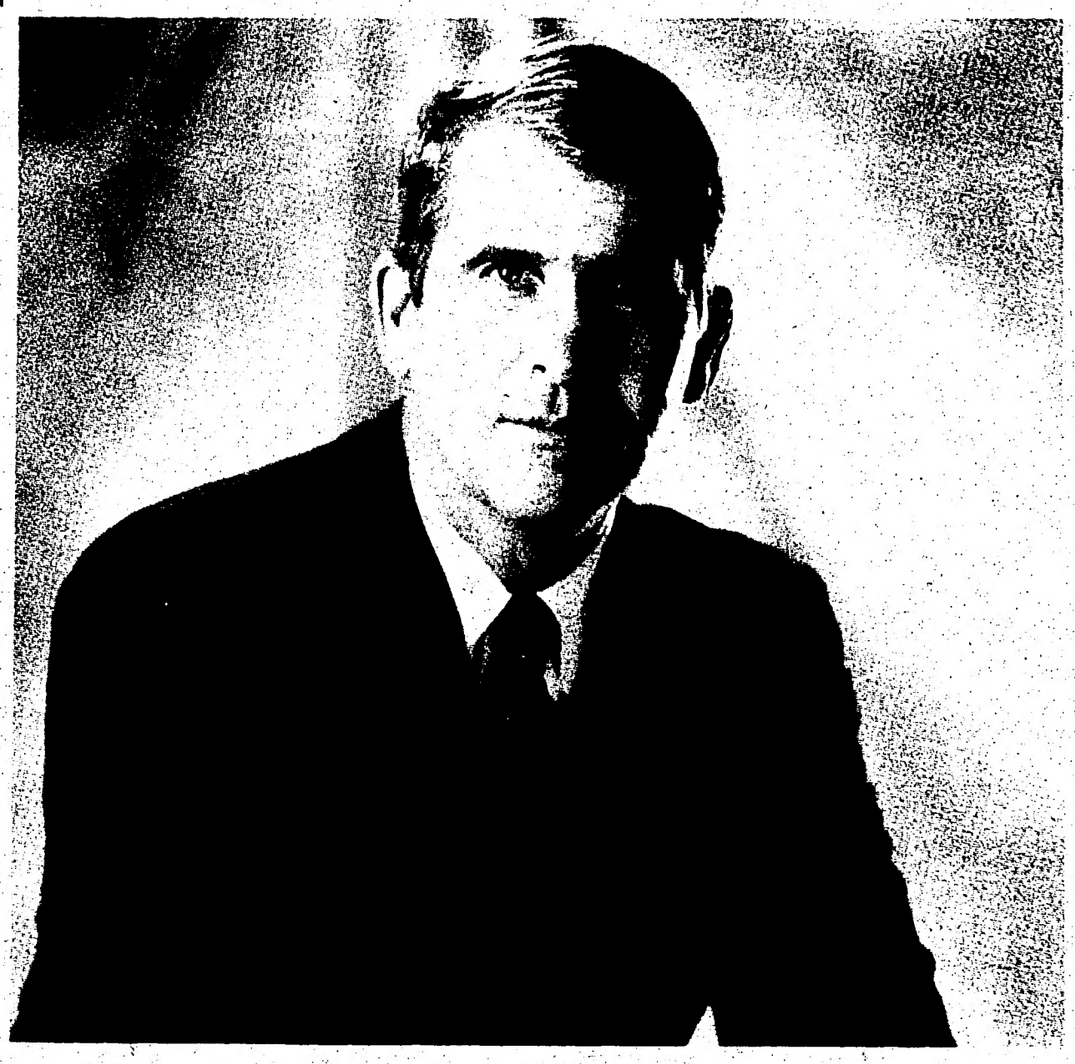
North: I suppose a variety of things, all of them outrageous. Let me put it very straight-forward: the great tradition of the English-speaking peoples is one of great respect for freedom of expression. I very well recognize that I'm a controversial person. I didn't seek that controversy; I found myself in the middle of it. I don't ask any audience to endorse what I have done or failed to do. I have certainly made many mistakes in my life, not the least of which were the ones I made at the White House. I find it interesting that those who are opposed to my right to speak would not want to hear another perspective on what it is they think I've done.

CJN: *In your book, you speak of a "long-standing" and "barely-hidden" pro-Arab tilt at the State department and an ingrained anti-Semitism in U.S. government. How do you think those have affected relations with Israel and to what extent are they responsible for the withholding of the $10 billion in loan guarantees Israel seeks?*

North: In the last case, probably not a great deal. Much of this is subliminal. It does not get the visible attention it deserves. I was very careful to put it the way I did [in the book] because I have no interest in inflaming people's passions. I think an awful lot of attitudes, in terms of the pro-Arab tilt in politics and diplomacy, go back to 1973 with the Arab oil embargo and the downright fear [it caused], maybe unspoken, but present in a lot of American circles.

I'm not a theologian but I've made an effort to study the Middle East and Christianity and its Judeo roots. I don't think there's a great deal of understanding on the part of Americans and North Americans in general, and U.S. and much of the government in particular, about why the Islamic fundamentalists and radicals pose such a threat to us. For example, one very, very rarely hears that in Saudi Arabia, you are not allowed to have any appearance of Christianity. In fact the only Islamic state that permitted such expression was Iraq, surely no friend of the United States and no friend of Israel. We do have in this country, whether people want to admit it or not, a Judeo-Christian value system. It is totally different from you have in the Arab world. There therefore ought to be a sympathetic understanding of what it is that Israel confronts. And yet we really don't understand the Arab mind at all, primarily because we do not understand Islam. So when the Arabs go to extremes, like the embargo of '73, we look at it as a purely economic matter. But if one goes back and reads about Arab theocracy, one can see that there is actually a religious root to that kind of confrontation.

CJN: *Do you see a resurgence of Islamic fundamentalist activity directed at the United States? Recently, the Hezbollah accused the U.S. of involvement in the assassination of its leader, Sheikh Abbas Mussawi.*



North: I really resist the words assassination and murder. Murder has a very definite legal connotation.

CJN: *Let's say his demise—*

North: — untimely and far too late. Those kinds of reprisal actions, which are legitimate military actions, are very rarely described as murder and assassination in the Western press. It's only when the Israelis do it that it becomes that kind of thing. I don't understand, for example, why it is everyone is focused on how the [U.S.] hostages got out, whether it was what I was doing in the Reagan administration or whether it was brought about by [former United Nations secretary-general] Perez de Cuellar. Everyone focuses on "How did it happen? What was the deal cooked?" If one looks back on history, one sees there are only three ways hostages ever get out: they escape, they are rescued or some kind of deal is made. In some cases, it's ransom, in some cases, it's political.

Who besides the Israelis looks at the root causes of these [actions] and bring to justice those who perpetrate them? That's why I have a hard time understanding those who are critical of the untimely demise of a terrorist.

CJN: *What about Israel's restraint during the Gulf War? You say in your book that it took Israel being a victim to bring about a change in attitude in the United States.*

North: To a certain extent, there's at least an awareness. Prime Minister Shamir is not the most popular man in American liberal Jewish circles. Nonetheless, there ought to be some awareness of the political cost to him of the restraint shown by Israel during the Gulf War.

CJN: *Another thing you say in your book is that the United States underestimated Israel's intelligence gathering capabilities. If it had not, do you think the hijacking of the* Achille Lauro *cruise ship or of TWA flight 847 could have been avoided?*

North: Yes and no. Particularly in view of what happened with Iran-Contra, it will be a long time before any government, whether a NATO ally or Israel or Canada, feels fully comfortable sharing anything they know with U.S. government agencies. I think they will be very reluctant to do so. As an example, published as a consequence of [Iran-Contra] was a very, very confidential, classified letter from then-Prime Minister [Shimon] Peres to President Reagan and the exchange that went the other way. Because of the political firestorm that swept America in 1986 and 1987, people were willing to put anything out on the street. Those kind of missives from heads of state and very sensitive intelligence matters that put people at risk — I think they're going to be reluctant to share that kind of stuff, simply because we can't be trusted to keep our mouths shut. When it's politically expedient, Americans will divulge it.

I think that the Jonathan Pollard case could well have perpetuated a disenchantment with the Israelis. At the same time, it drove [Israelis] to do things that they otherwise might not have done in dealing with us. Regardless of what we say, the initiative became arms for hostages. Because of Pollard and the hypersensitivity it created, it was probably discussed in the Israeli cabinet and intelligence circles to push harder than they otherwise might have on the Iranian initiative, in an effort to co-operate with us.

CJN: *Do you personally feel Pollard's religion and the fact he was spying for Israel militated against him?*

North: I would like to think our judicial system is above that. First of all, there are a lot of Jews in the judiciary and a lot of Jews who are good attorneys on both sides. That's not an ethnic slur, it's simply a fact. I would like to think Pollard's religion was not a factor. What I think *was* probably a factor was [former Defense Secretary Caspar] Weinberger's exaggerated claims of the damage done.

CJN: *What do you think was behind Weinberger's animus toward Israel?*

North: It was probably a combination of his previous employ at the Bechtel Corporation, which had dealings with Arab countries to the exclusion of Israel and which managed to avoid the boycott [of Israel]. I think it may have had to do with his [Jewish] lineage. In some cases, he was resentful and he may have chosen to use the Pollard case to teach someone a lesson.

CJN: *Was Ronald Reagan aware that Israel was trading arms to Iran in exchange for Iranian Jews?*

North: Yes.

CJN: *Did he approve of it?*

North: I think it was one of those things we turned a blind eye toward because we knew it would go on whether we did anything about it or not. I have never believed there is any point in confronting someone on something you want them to stop if you're not prepared to take the steps necessary to stop them, or if you don't have the means. I don't think in either case we were prepared to stop them, nor did we have the means. My guess is that it's probably still going on today and I know from experience what the Israelis were willing to do for Jews in, for example, Ethiopia. It is a biblical perspective they take and I admire that. I just don't believe there was anything we could do to get them to stop, nor if I were they, *would* I have stopped.

CJN: *Is the recent violence in south Lebanon an attempt to scuttle the peace talks?*

North: There is no doubt in my mind that there are radical fundamentalists, PLO and other elements of Palestinian terror in a number of other states in the region, who are willing to do almost anything to undermine the peace talks. What appears to me is that at very best, you've got Arab states in the region willing to turn a blind eye toward the terrorism that is afflicting Israel today, and at very worst, are willing to support it by providing ingress and egress, like Syria, financial support, like Libya, or refuge, like Tunisia. Those kinds of things are designed to stop the peace process dead in its tracks because I don't believe any of those countries have ever been interested in the Palestinians having a place of their own or in Israel having peace. It's never been in their interest and they're paying lip service to it now because their mentor, the Soviet Union, has ceased to exist.

CJN: *How do you feel about Secretary Baker's tying of the loan guarantees to a freeze of Jewish settlements?*

North: I'm going to waffle on you, uncharacteristically. I have always believed that any foreign aid this country gives ought to have strings attached. [But] we are the ones, since the Carter administration, who have been pushing the Israelis to accept Soviet Jews. Let's suppose Israel takes in one million Soviet Jews. Where are they going to put them? If the United States doesn't want settlements in what everyone's calling the occupied territories, then where should they put them? The suburbs of Tel Aviv are exhausted. I don't know; that's why I'm waffling. But it seems to me that we have contributed to the problem they have. In our ultimatums, we've made it more difficult.

CJN: *Where are Israeli-U.S. relations at this moment and where are they headed?*

North: I think they're going through one of the most difficult times since 1948. The tendency will be in American politics to start getting involved in Israel's internal politics. There will be an increasing desire to use the leverage we have — economic — in ways that will produce outcomes the current administration believes proper. I find that general principle difficult to accept simply because Israel is the only democracy in the region and it's been our policy since 1948 to support the continued existence and safety of Israel. And Israel's neighbors are all dictatorships. I don't give a hoot what Mr. Mubarak calls himself; they're dictatorships. And yet we somehow find it easier to bash the democracies. It's tougher to deal with a democracy than with a dictatorship, isn't it America? You can't just pick up the phone and tell the guy in charge, "Do this or that." We wanted a democracy in the Philippines and we got one. And now we don't like the results of that democracy. The same thing happens with Israel.

March of the Living participants Sarah Singer (left), Karen Skinazi (centre) and Leslie Aberman recently attended the first orientation session for the event. March of the Living will depart for Poland and Israel on April 27. [Jay Brodbar photo]

Chicago leaders visit Baycrest

TORONTO —

Amidst the growing debate in the United States about the increasing costs of its largely privately funded health care system, a group of Chicago government, business and community leaders came to study Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

On Feb. 7, the group, organized by a non-profit think tank called the Health and Policy Research Group, came to Baycrest to learn more about integrated, government-funded long-term care. Group members learned about the financing and administration of services.

The overall purpose of the tour was to study aspects of the Canadian health care system to "increase awareness of the single payer alternative and expand the dialogue on health care reform," says Linda Shapiro, executive director of the Health and Policy Research Group.

Teenagers get ready for March of Living

TORONTO —

Eighty-five teenagers, chosen for their social, emotional and academic merits, recently attended an orientation for the upcoming March of the Living.

The March of the Living is a joint project of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and United Israel Appeal. Joan Stevens is chairman of the event.

From April to May 11, the students will experience an odyssey through Poland where they will reflect on hundreds of years of Polish Jewish life and the abrupt end to which it came. The initial orientation for the March of the Living included a session on the history of Polish Jewry and "ice breaker" sessions.

Rabbi David Aronson, the program's scholar-in-residence and one of its 13 chaperones, provided a broad brush history of Poland and Polish Jewry. He offered a historical background of the development of Polish Jewry from its beginning dating back to the 11th Century BCE.

"You are about to learn and experience that there was a life before the Holocaust — a long, significant history of Eastern European Jewry," he told the group.

On Yom HaShoah, the Toronto contingent will join thousands of Jewish students from around the world for the actual March of the Living.

They will retrace the steps of countless martyred Jews along the "March of Death," the actual path walked by Jews forced to march to the gas chambers at Auschwitz-Birkenau. As they walk under the infamous banner that reads "Arbeit Macht Frei," participants, as they have done in two previous marches, will intone *Hatikva* and hold aloft the blue and white Magen David, the flag of Israel.

The program will include visits to the concentration camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Majdanek and Treblinka. Jewish sites in Warsaw that will be visited include the Ghetto Memorial, Mila 18 and the Jewish Cemetery. The Jewish Quarter and Ramah Synagogue of Cracow and the Lublin Yeshiva will also be included in the tour.

Following the March of the Living in Poland, the group will proceed to Israel to celebrate Yom Haatzmaut, Israel's independence day. While in Israel, the group will take part in events organized specifically for March participants.

Stevens notes that an emotional support system will be in place for the participants before, during and after the event.

The 85 students from Toronto will participate in four more orientations before the trip begins, including a weekend at the Maple Lodge. While participants are on the March of the Living, their parents will participate in a special session.

Following the participants' return, a post-March reunion will be held. Opportunities will be presented for participants to share their feelings with the group. They will also have the chance to reach out within the community, network and relate their experiences with others.

Omission

A story in last week's *CJN* on a speech by Shifra Hoffman, founder of Victims of Arab Terror (VAT), neglected to mention that the event was sponsored by the Toronto Zionist Council and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, and held at the Toronto Zionist Centre.

Purim fun planned for Cummer Lodge

TORONTO —

There will be music and hamantaschen for the Jewish residents of Cummer Lodge in the spacious auditorium of this metro home for the aged on Sunday, March 22.

The Purim celebration, organized by the Mitzvah Volunteers of Cummer Lodge, is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. There will be a megillah reading by lay leader Carl Rees, and Bracha Feder-Sapir of the Beth Tikvah Congregational School has arranged for some of the students to create and donate noisemakers for the occasion.

Helene Rudolph and Anna Trubashnik-Repoulis have kindly consented to entertain. These two gifted ladies will make a musical presentation in Yiddish, Ladino, English and Hebrew.

Helene Rudolph has sung in and around Toronto for the past few years and has studied with voice coaches in the United States and Canada. She is a longtime member of Temple Emanu-El.

Moscow-born Anna Trubashnik-Repoulis, Temple Emanu-El's cantorial soloist, has studied music in Europe and North America with renowned voice coaches.

Following Purim, the Mitzvah Volunteers will be turning their attention to planning a seder, an annual event for residents and family members held on the second night of Passover in the home's spacious auditorium. It is expected that participation will match or exceed the 130 people who attended last year.

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Organizations and People

BGU studies health care

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Lessons learned from an Israeli experiment in health care reform could well prove useful to other countries contemplating changes to their health care systems.

The experiment was the Negev Project, an attempt by the then newly established Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Centre for Health Sciences in Beersheva to train a new kind of community-oriented physician and at the same time, develop an improved health care system.

It has been documented in a recently published book entitled *The Politics Of Reform In Medical Education And Health Services — The Negev Project* by Dr. Basil Porter and Dr. William Seidelman.

Porter is a South African-born pediatrician who has lived in Israel since 1966 and who in 1974, joined the newly founded Ben-Gurion University Medical School. His interest in the problem of integrating medical education into community health services led to the appointment as a director of the Negev Project.

Seidelman, professor of family medicine in the McMaster University faculty of health sciences, served as consultant to the Negev Project as well as to the American Joint Distribution Committee, which instigated the project, during a sabbatical in 1983-84, when he was visiting professor of family medicine at BGU.

An expert in primary care services, Seidelman was vice-chairman of an Ontario Ministry of Health task force on primary care. He is a founding vice-president of the Association of Ontario Health Centres and the founding director of the North Hamilton Community Health Centre, a teaching community clinic affiliated with McMaster University.

Both authors felt that the project could have some important lessons for other parts of the world where such experiments are being contemplated, Seidelman said in a recent telephone conversation.

A number of countries are already attempting to introduce changes to their medical education programs and to make health care more community-oriented.

In fact, said Seidelman, a major project to reform the medical school curriculum is now underway in Ontario.

The program was pioneered by McMaster University when it established its medical school in 1968.

Now the province's other four medical schools are looking at similar reforms under a program entitled Educating Future Physicians for Ontario, with which Porter has been involved as a speaker, said Seidelman.

The book also offers an examination of Israel's well-established, highly structured health care system, "a composite of public and private funding and organization," that provides universal access to health care.

Yet despite its achievements, problems have developed that have led to widespread dissatisfaction with the system, so that it is now faced with the threat of becoming a two-tiered system with "public" health care principally for the poor, and a private system for the rich.

The Negev Project was an attempt to change the established system in order to meet the social needs of the community.

But although "very ambitious at the start," it did not achieve everything it set out to do. Nevertheless, it had "a major impact," not only in the Negev, but also on clinics throughout Israel, said Seidelman.

Funded by the American Joint Distribution Committee, the multi-million dollar Negev Project was the largest ever undertaken in Israel and the Joint's first ever venture into the health care field.

The Joint also made a substantial contribution to the publication of the book, noted Seidelman.

Published by the Springer Series on Medical Education, the book is of special interest to social workers, health care professionals and medical educators.

It is available through the Springer Publishing Company, New York.

William Seidelman

Winnipeg Jewish paper starts Russian column

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
The *Jewish Post and News*, Winnipeg's weeky Jewish newspaper, has introduced a Russian language column written in the Cyrillic alphabet, on a one-year trial basis.

The column is being funded by the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba and is an effort to reach out to the 60 or so Russian-Jewish families that have settled in Winnipeg in the last couple of years. Each family will be receiving 37 issues of the paper free.

The idea for the column came from Sophie Tapper, the director of the YMHA Jewish Community Centre's Acculturation Department for Soviet Immigrants.

"I was driving some Russian ladies to a National Council of Jewish Women program last October when one asked me how she could get a copy of the *Jewish Post*," she recalls. "This lady had participated in a Lubavitch selichot service and her picture had appeared in the paper. She wanted to send a copy to her family in Moscow."

Tapper got the copy and it occurred to her that if arrangements could be made for the Russian immigrants to receive the paper and there was a column in Russian written by one of them, it would make them feel like part of the community.

Tapper approached the *Post* (which also has a columnist, Noach Witman, who writes in Yiddish) and the Jewish Foundation. To write the column, she recruited Rena Roytburg, a recent immigrant herself, who is well known among her fellow Russian-Jewish immigrants. Roytburg, who immigrated with her family in 1989, works part time for the Jewish Child and Family Service.

Roytburg in her column is writing about events in the Jewish community of interest to the newcomers. As time goes by, Tapper notes, Roytburg will get a better idea what her readers are looking for and focus her columns accordingly.

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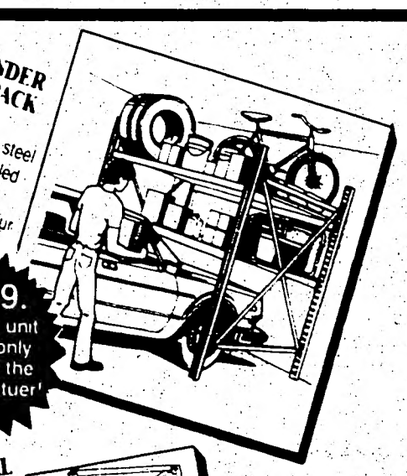

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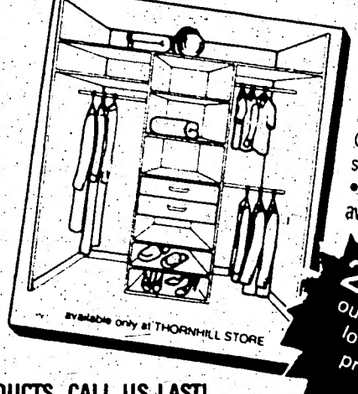

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Top Israeli posters featured in Atlantic Canada exhibit

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"The idea of a show came to me a few months ago," he said. "When I was home in Israel in December, I brought posters back to Halifax with me. They have all been done by 35 top Israeli poster designers."

Among the treasures is a 1942 poster calling for Jews to fight with British Brigade troops in Europe.

Almaliah pointed to a 1961 poster which urged Israelis not to smoke. "This is much ahead of our time," he said. "People in Israel were very conscious of non-smoking that long ago."

Much emotion can be seen in the collection.

One poster, from a 1991 photograph, depicts a baby being born at Meir Hospital in Kfar Saba while doctors and nurses wear gas masks. The poster title is *Baby As Usual*.

Another shows the compassion of an Israeli soldier, with hand club on the ground, tending to an injured Arab 5-year-old boy.

The oldest poster in the collection promotes the Hapoel Games of 1932.

Almaliah said the posters were an important source of information for Israelis during the country's first 10 years, as television had not been developed.

The number of languages in the country also increases the need for visual form, as opposed to written form, he explained.

"Poster design has evolved into art," said Almaliah. "Some designers use the poster as a vehicle for their own personal expression, producing works without a client or commercial program in place.

Almaliah, 47 teaches at the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO School of Design in Haifa and has his own design studio. Last fall, he was invited to Nova Scotia as a visiting professor.

Gad Almaliah with Israeli poster display.

Emanuel Zabar, executive director of the Atlantic Jewish Council, said the AJC is the major sponsor of the showing.

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Arts

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Laughter in Hell: The use of Humor during the Holocaust by Steve Lipman (Jason Aronson, $29.95 U.S.).

A Tale of One City - Piotrkow Trybunalski edited by Ben Giladi (Shengold Publishers, $32.50 U.S.).

"Humor, the currency of hope," was, for many Jews during the Holocaust, a form of spiritual resistance. It was both a psychological weapon and a defence mechanism. it was a diversion, a moral booster, a touch of reality in a surreal world.

It is, of course, extremely difficult to associate wit and comedy with Nazi horrors. But laughter produced on "the precipice of hell" was not frivolity. It was a kind of therapy that made the continuation of life possible.

The author, a journalist and former editor of the *Buffalo Jewish Review*, insists that he is not in any way making light of the Holocaust, but simply recognizing that humor — no matter how mordant and sardonic — was a lifeline to survival.

Jews made use of irony, parody, exaggeration, situation reversal, morbid twists on reality, jests and anecdotes. Inherent in all these forms of humor was shared notion that the Nazis were intellectually and morally inferior and that their ultimate defeat was inevitable.

German cartoonists, graphic artists, poets, satirists and cabaret comedians openly mocked the Nazis before the outbreak of war. They were ruthlessly surpressed and quashed by the regime.

Some of the humor is hardly new and much of it forced and singularly unfunny. But a number of the jokes and witticisms are original and mordant.

This is an unusual and daring book. But as Lipman suggests, "Whether we who did not share the victim's pain can fully share their laughter is another question."

Over the centuries Piotrkow was a centre of Hebrew publishing in Poland. It also produced eminent political and religious leaders who now play a vital role in many Jewish communities around the world.

This "remembrance book" about a once-thriving and vibrant Jewish community is rich with information about its sages, teachers, prominent personalities, houses of worship and forms of education. Piotrkow was typical of many small Eastern European Jewish communities. "All the political and cultural currents dominating the Jewish world were represented in it and were all engaged in a mutual battle over every iota of their ideology."

Today, Jewish Piotrkow is no more. But its one-time glory and the 28,000 Jews who suffered martyrdome are lovingly remembered.

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Russian musicians display rich talent at Holy Blossom

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO —

A consequence of the exodus of Soviet Jewry has been the arrival in Canada of talented artists who had major careers in Russia. Holy Blossom Temple, as part of Our Musical Heritage concert series, created an entire program around some of the singers and instrumentalists who have immigrated here.

Entitled The Russian-Jewish Connection: Hebrew Music on Jewish Themes, the concert featured Montreal-based cellist Yuli Turovsky and Toronto-based violinist Victor Danchenko, soprano Vera Kaushansky and mezzo soprano Yulia Malinowsky. The Russians were joined throughout the evening by the temple's cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner and the excellent University of Western Ontario Symphony Orchestra under conductor Jerome Summers. The result was a concert of great interest, particularly in the unusual repertoire which was presented.

The only piece on the program with which the writer was familiar was Bloch's *Schelomo (Hebraic Rhapsody)*. Turovsky, who has made a name for himself in Canadian music circles as founder and director of the chamber group I Musici de Montreal, played the many moods of King Solomon with tremendous compassion and depth. The cello represents the voice of an old and reflective king as inspired by Ecclesiastes, while the orchestra functions as a Greek chorus, illuminating and commenting on his thoughts. Together, Turovsky and the astonishingly good student orchestra under Summers created an evocative picture of the king.

The student players were also given a major workout in both Prokofiev's *Jewish Overture* and Shostakovich's *Song Cycle from Jewish Folk Poetry* and rose admirably to the considerable challenges of these demanding composers under Summers' sympathetic leadership. The latter, a tapestry of despair, was sung with great feeling by Kaushansky, Malinowsky and Maissner.

The second half of the concert was devoted to the music of Yefim Adler, a temple member who functions as ex-officio resident composer. Maissner sang Adler's *El Erich Apayim for Cantor and Orchestra* with the composer conducting, while Danchenko performed his Symphony-Concerto under Summers. Although Maissner had some trouble in the very high register, he was on home ground in this Slichot cantorial piece and gave the work a thoughtful reading. Danchenko proved himself a virtuoso by negotiating the difficult cadenzi provided by Adler.

In his remarks to the crowd, Rabbi Dow Marmur commented that concerts at Holy Blossom are "music plus" — in other words, that the evenings have a significance beyond entertainment. In this case, the Russian-Jewish Connection was a public acknowledgement that the make-up of the Jewish community is changing due to the huge influx of Soviet immigrants. Judging by the talent displayed at the concert, Canada is richer for these new arrivals.

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Eye on Arts

Dr. Kay Shelemay, winner of the 1987 prize of the International Music Society for her book *Music, Ritual and the Falasha*, will speak in Toronto on March 11. Her musically illustrated lecture is entitled Songs and Remembrance Among Sephardi Jews. It will take place at the Jewish Community Centre, North branch, at 7:30 p.m. This is the second feature in the Jewish Music Society's 1992 season.

To order tickets call 631-5660.

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The New Leadership Group of the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada presents the film *Europa, Europa*, on Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Film House, 424 Adelaide St. E.

This is the first event of 1992 for the New Leadership Group, which was established in 1991 to further the goals of the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada. The film is a true story based on the autobiography of Solomon Perel, who is now 65 years old and lives in Israel. As a teenager, Perel survived World War II by hiding his Jewish identity in Poland, slipping into the German army and finally attending an elite school for Hitler youth.

The purpose of this event is to increase awareness for the Jerusalem Foundation in Toronto.

For more information contact Rochelle Israel at 771-9051.

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Vaudeville comes alive at the Bloor Y on Saturday, March 28. Enjoy a hilarious two-hour show featuring Larry Horowitz, Tony Molesworth, John Pattison and Garloo. Doors open at 8:30 p.m.

Horowitz, the MC for the evening, is the director of amateur talent for the chain of Yuk Yuk's comedy clubs.

Vaudeville on Bloor is the feature event of Centrefest running from March 22-28. Now in its fifth year, Centrefest is the Bloor Y's biggest event of the year.

Other Centrefest attractions include a Purim carnival, arts and crafts sale, archives display, mini-film festival and cityforum, a funny and insightful look at the question, "Is Jewish Humor Assimilated?"

For further information call Luni at 924-6211.

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A fashion show with a difference will be held on March 6 at the Ontario Room of the MacDonald Block on Wellesley Street.

Susan Charness, who runs an integrated talent agency for abled and disabled, will combine with the Ontario provincial government to put on the fashion show called Dress for Access.

Twelve of Charness' models (eight disabled and four able-bodied) will be modelling the latest spring clothing arrivals from Fairweathers and Big Steel divisions of Dylex.

"I hope the exposure will open more doors for my clients so they can manifest their abilities," says Charness.

Charness, who contracted polio at the age of 5 and walks with the aid of crutches, is also working on the production of a stage play *The Puck Dances Lovingly*. This one man show was written by and stars her client David Shannon.

A docudrama about the daily workings of her agency is also in development.

The fashion show will start at 12:15 p.m. and run for an hour.

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Scarborough Players will perform *Cactus Flowers* by Abe Burrows starting March 5. This contemporary comedy about the romantic misadventures of a not-so-confirmed bachelor will run for three weeks at Scarborough Village Theatre, 3600 Kingston Rd.

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The Sunshine Festival Theatre in Orillia will present three classics under the collective title of The Best of Broadway in its 1992 season which runs from June 25 to August 29.

The season opens with *Wait Until Dark*, a thriller about a blind woman who innocently buys a doll stuffed with drugs and is then terrorized by the crooks for whom it was really intended. The second production is Rodgers and Hammerstein's stage musical *Oklahoma!* The season closes with *On Golden Pond*, a bittersweet saga of growing up and growing old.

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Robert Sward, a 58-year-old poet, whose life experiences include being a Jewish Rent-a-Santa Claus in Santa Cruz, Calif., has just published his 12th book of poetry, *4 Incarnations, New and Selected Poems, 1957-1991*.

Sward taught at the University of Victoria from 1969-1973 and lived in British Columbia for 10 years where his publishing house, Soft Press, issued *Vancouver Island Poems*. He is the author of the non-fiction book *The Toronto Islands*.

4 Incarnations is published by Coffee House Press, 27 North 4th Street, Minneapolis, Mn 55401, (612) 338-0125.

Arts

Eisner hones craft in Arthur Miller play

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

He has had an obsession with acting since about the time of his bar mitzvah and the passion and persistance to pursue it. For David Eisner, there's never been any question of what he wanted to do with his life.

The decision "was really easy for me. I had no choice," declared the actor during a recent interview here.

Eisner is currently appearing in the Theatre Aquarius revival of Arthur Miller's 1947 Drama Critics Circle Award winning play, *All My Sons*, which runs until March 1.

He plays George, a supporting part, but "a very dynamic role," in Miller's powerful drama about ethics and strong family devotion, social responsibility and self-interest and what happens when two families are torn apart as a long-buried truth is ultimately revealed.

For the young actor — he'll be marking his 34th birthday during the play's run — it's a welcome return to the Canadian stage after years of film and TV and commuting back and forth between Toronto and Los Angeles.

Eisner is "tickled pink" to get back into theatre. "Not that I don't like film and TV, but theatre," he says, "allows you to stretch in other ways ... hone a part over several weeks rather than work moments. It expands, improves, stretches your acting ..."

All My Sons is being directed by Douglas Campbell — "a terrific director" — and it's an opportunity to "learn a lot" about another of his ambitions, directing.

His previous theatre experience has been under the direction of Riva Stern at the Leah Posluns Theatre, where he appeared as Avigdor in the inaugural production of *Yentl*.

He also played Shenoi in *First Born*, Ben in *G-d's Favourite* and David in *Enter Laughing*.

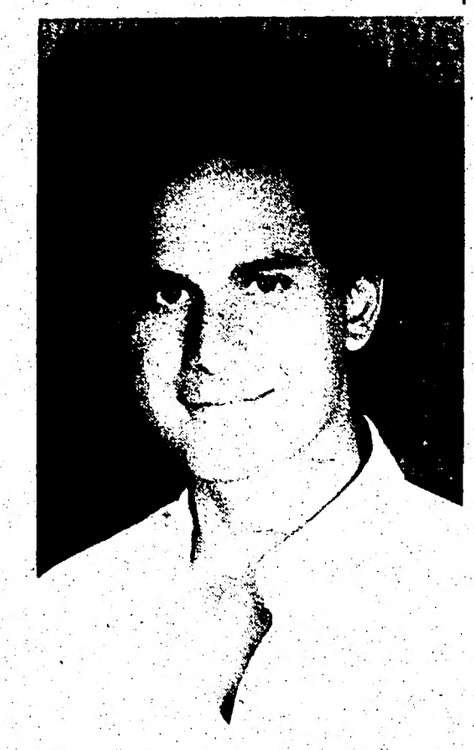
Soft spoken, with an easy smile, Eisner has just the sort of friendly good looks that would set the hopes of any Jewish mother of a marriageable daughter soaring.

But "sorry, too late," he grins. He's been happily married this past year and a half to Elizabeth, who's not in the theatre but works as a representative of a pharmaceutical company.

Born and raised in Toronto, Eisner received his primary education at Associated Hebrew Schools.

Eisner's professional career began at 17, when his theatre arts teacher at William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute submitted his name to an agency.

His first part was in *The King of Kensington*, in which he became a regular,



David Eisner

appearing in it for three years in the late '70s.

That led to a seven-year stint in *Hanging In*, the comedy series for which he was twice nominated for a Gemini Award as best lead actor in a comedy series.

He has also appeared in numerous other films and TV series.

Actor stars in mini-series

Most recently he had a leading role in *To Catch A Killer*, the CTV mini-series based on how American multiple murderer John Gacey was caught. Shown in Canada, the series will be aired across the United States in the spring.

Also coming out this spring is *This Is My Life*, the 20th Century Fox Nora Ephron movie, which stars Julie Kavner and in which Eisner has a supporting role.

He would like to do another series and he'd "like to be involved behind the camera — producing, directing," anything that would "satisfy other creative needs."

That includes directing a just-aired five-episode radio drama on the Greg Clark stories for *CBC Morningside* and plans for further such series, as well as five-minute "drameos" for CBC radio's 4-6 afternoon show.

Exhibits open at Beth Tzedec

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

In March, the Beth Tzedec Reuben & Helene Dennis Museum will exhibit two rare collections — one representing the artistic talents of the Jews of Syria and a collection of artistic works created by artists from the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design in Jerusalem from 1910 to 1930.

Dorion Liebgott, the recently appointed curator of the museum notes that the Syrian artifacts will be displayed in three showcases in the foyer outside the main sanctuary of the Beth Tzedec Congregation from March 12 to April 16. The Syrian exhibit titled, *From the Hands and Hearts of Syrian Jews*, will complement the commemorative service of Shabbat Zachor to be held at Beth Tzedec on Saturday, March 14.

Shabbat Zachor is a day of remembrance and prayer for the Jewish communities of Syria. In 1975, the Beth Tzedec initiated the first Shabbat for Syrian Jews on the first yahrzeit of four young Jewish women from Damascus — three sisters and a cousin — who were killed trying to escape into Lebanon from the horror of life in Syria.

They were betrayed by Arab smugglers who were paid to take them across the border and their raped and mutilated bodies were dumped in sacks in front of their parents' homes in the Jewish Quarter of Damascus. Two other men who attempted to escape with the four women were also murdered.

The Syrian exhibit which includes antiques, Judaica, contemporary arts and crafts, memorabilia and rare photographs, has been loaned to the museum by Judy Feld Carr, the chairman of the National Task Force for Syrian Jews. The Syrian collection contains gifts of thanks given to Feld Carr from Jews released from Syria.

Included in the Syrian exhibit are, a two piece dress embroidered in gold thread, pieces of intricate wood inlay depicting the unique work done by the Jews of Syria, a carved brass seder plate from Aleppo, and other pieces, many with Jewish symbols.

Feld Carr explains that the creative works of Syrian artisans are in demand throughout the Arab world.

The *Legacy of Bezalel* collection, on loan from the Mizel Museum of Judaica in Denver, Colorado, will be on display at Beth Tzedec from March 9 through May 3.

The Bezalel School was established in 1906 in Jerusalem as a place of employment and training for Jewish artists.

The exhibition includes a wide ra[illegible] of ceremonial and everyday objects crafted in silver, gold, bronze, leather, and olive wood and a video synopsis of Israeli art. Among the highlights of the exhibit are: a pair of brass artillery shells encrusted with silver and copper, transformed from the vocabulary of war into flower vases with a floral motif, a number of Chanukah lamps, a megillah scroll held in a silver filigree case, and a jewellery box of painted olive wood.

The collection also includes plaques of Biblical personages, heroes of Zionism and other artistic pieces interwoven with a variety of stylistic impulses, reflecting both European and Islamic influences.

The Canadian Friends of Bezalel will host a special preview for members of Bezalel on Sunday evening, March 8th. Cathy Cohen, the director of exhibitions at the Mizel Museum will present a lecture and slide presentation.

For more information on the Syrian and Bezalel exhibits, call the Beth Tzedec Reuben & Helene Dennis Museum (416) 781-3511.

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Arts

Graner brings composer back to life in concert

By
IDELE ROSS

ST. CATHARINES — Underground music takes on a whole new meaning when Cantor Ronald Graner talks about the lost liturgical work of Russian-Jewish composer David Nowakowsky.

Addressing the B'nai Israel Congregation's Breakfast Club, Cantor Graner said that despite Nowakowsky's 50 years as the prolific choirmaster of the Brody Synagogue in Odessa, his work was virtually unknown because it had to be hidden twice.

"When the Bolsheviks took over in 1921, sacred music was endangered so Nowakowsky's work had to be buried, smuggled out and buried again during World War II," said Graner.

Nowakowsky was born in 1848 in Malin, Russia and received his musical education in Berditchev. According to Graner, he composed 3,500 works encompassing oratorios, chamber music and cantatas. "His style was close to Mendelssohn's, but Nowakowsky introduced harmony into Jewish music," he said.

To demonstrate this, the cantor performed *Lecha Dodi* together with his sister, Penny Blake, a member of the Niagara Chamber Choir.

Recognized as one of the greatest composers of Jewish liturgy who ever lived, Nowakowsky's work had not been performed for over 70 years. "The UCLA choir recorded one of his compositions last year," the cantor said. "The David Nowakowsky Foundation has enabled New York Cantor Lefkowitz to start restoration of manuscripts as well as perform some of the work."

It was Nowakowsky's daughter and granddaughter who saved his work from oblivion. "They smuggled the volumes out of Europe, hiding them in German ammunition cases that they buried before going into hiding in France," explained Graner

Ironically, one of Nowakowsky's grandsons was with the U.S. army unit that liberated the family.

"He established the Foundation so that the music of this forgotten master could be restored," said Graner. "His music deserves to be heard. I'm not the only cantor on this crusade."

Graner's dream is a total Nowakowsky's concert, performed by the Mendelssohn choir at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto. "But if I have to start by performing a few of his works myself in a church basement, well it's a start."

Work saved from oblivion

Emigres' music still sharp

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Lazar Gosman, who left a high music post in Leningrad after some of his students were severely disciplined for dancing in front of a synagogue, triumphantly led his Tchaikovsky Chamber Orchestra in Toronto recently.

Most of the 12-member group are fellow Jews who either slipped away from tours of orchestras from the former Soviet Union or went through the arduous emigration process.

When Gosman first formed the group in 1979, it was known as the Soviet Emigre Orchestra.

The concert, presented by Music Toronto at the Jane Mallett Theatre of the St. Lawrence Centre, demonstrated that 12 musicians, with Gosman directing from the concertmaster's chair, can play as if they were one.

Their ability, especially in the Mozart and Tchaikovsky pieces, to meld the music as if it was coming in a pure, clear flow from one instrument, was uncanny. When they took off in the higher flights of Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings* the grime and chill of Toronto's winter fast receded.

"I had nothing with me when I left Russia," Gosman told an interviewer. "No money, no music. Only my violin and my dream of building a chamber orchestra."

But he had a sense of humor, too, because the Toronto concert included a piece by the half-Jewish German composer Alfred Schnitke that required the musicians to play in the dark for part of it, and then by electric candlelight, before wandering off the stage one by one as the candles were snuffed out, a la the *Farewell Symphony* by Haydn.

Each emigre in Gosman's group bears the mark of personal sacrifice: the selling of a cherished instrument, or the leaving behind of deep attachments.

One violinist waited for two years for the emigration process to be completed during which time he had no work and was forced to sell his violin, a valuable instrument that had been in his family for generations. Friends were afraid to contact him for fear of losing their own jobs.

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Vail's a real skiing fantasy

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

Cynthia Gasner at Vail, Colorado.

TORONTO —

Everyone who has been there told me I would love Vail, Colorado. But they didn't tell me how much. My recent ski holiday to Vail was like a fantasy come true.

It's hard to believe that for eight days in February, the sky was blue every day and the temperature at ground level was between 45 and 55 degrees. And wherever I looked, the beauty of the mountains surrounded the village of Vail.

This first-class village, internationally famed as a vacation spot, has become the largest ski area in the Western Hemisphere with the most accessible bowl skiing in America. This skiers' Vail-Lionshead paradise became even more desirable when Beaver Creek, a stone's throw away, opened in 1980.

Vail Mountain is 8,200 feet at the base and the top elevation is 11,450 feet. There are well-marked hills for every level of skier from long novice runs and catwalks to the most challenging double diamond runs. One lift ticket allows you to ski at both Vail Mountain and Beaver Creek which is only 10 miles away.

There is a free bus that runs through Vail and Lionshead and for an inexpensive fare, you can travel to other surrounding ski areas.

Whether you want to improve your technique, get over the fear of skiing, learn to master the bumps or powder, or ski seldom skied areas of the mountain, it's all there.

Those new to the area are advised to take ski lessons. There are a variety of lessons available: private and group lessons and workshops. The members of the ski staff are warm and friendly and enhance your skiing skills at any level.

Despite the euphoric ski atmosphere, there are some precautions when skiing here. The altitude may affect you. It took me several days to acclimatize myself to the altitude. I was told not to overdo it, drink plenty of water and above all, not to have any alcohol.

And you have to be cautious when it comes to exposure to the sun at such a high altitude. Extra precautionary steps are required against the intensive ultraviolet (UV) and infrared rays. A sun protection factor of at least 15 is suggested for high altitude and winter conditions.

I selected a sunscreen with higher protection and applied it frequently. Nevertheless, I still came home with a golden tan.

The postcard beauty of Vail, the challenging skiing, the quaint atmosphere of Vail Village with its trendy shops and numerous restaurants, all contributed to a most memorable holiday.

The skiing and sunshine energized my spirit and the tranquility and soft breezes soothed my senses. The Old World charm of Vail beckons me back. With such excellent ski conditions and grooming, it is understandable why condominiums, townhouses and hotels abound in Vail.

But Vail has become more than a winter resort. It is a year-round wonderland providing outdoor activities in every season.

And I publicly state, that if my gracious hostess invites me back again next year, without hesitation, I accept.

Surfside resorts get upgrades

SURFSIDE, Fla. —

Vacationers heading for Surfside this winter will find its properties have invested in refurbishing their plants — interior and exterior — thereby enhancing the product.

The major modernization projects in this South Florida oceanside community (88th to 96th Street on Collins Avenue were at the Palms, Beekman, Rodney and Seabrook while the Coronado upgraded its establishment into top condition.

The properties announced their winter (Dec. 15-April 15) daily rack rates, per room (plus eight percent tax): Beekman (9499 Collins), $95 for a studio/efficiency or hotel room, $125 for a one-bedroom apartment and $175 for a two bedroom apartment: Coronado (9501 Collins), $54 to $80; Palms (9449 Collins), $95-$115, Rodney (9367 Collins) $55-$86; and Seabrook (9401 Collins) $50-$95.

Highlighting the many improvements at the Rodney are the appearance of new, modern pieces of furniture and carpeting in most units and re-wallpapering and painting guest rooms. The lobby is being redone and the Coral Cafe is now open for breakfast and lunch, according to Shepard Edelstein, general manager.

The Palms has undergone a major revitalization including exterior painting and new canopies throughout, plus a complete new face in each of the guest rooms, disclosed Sandi Music, director of tour and travel sales.

The Beekman, which had undergone major refurbishing the past two years, didn't rest on its laurels but continued upgrading to maintain its prestige, according to General Manager Paul Weintraub, who also is Tourist Board chairman. It beautified its landscaping, redecorated its guest rooms; installed new air conditioners throughout plus new furniture in one-third of its rooms.

The Seabrook also made major changes, according to owner Sam Burstyn.

"We added new furniture, carpeting, matching drapes and bed covers in the guest rooms," he explained.

The Coronado repainted all its guest rooms plus installing new refrigerators, furniture and bed spreads, said owner Helen Geller. The coffee room was upgraded, with external painting about to begin.

All of these facilities are on the ocean with the reinvigorated 400-foot wide beach at the back door.

Surfside, with some 1,000 units, mainly apartments and efficiencies, prides itself on its hospitality, economical rates and tranquility plus nearby shopping, but yet well located to all of South Florida's "action."

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TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

She's back. The dragon lady I call **Genghis Khan** has returned from her trip to **Calgary.** I hadn't heard from her since she was gone other than getting a telephone message (she made sure she called when she knew I wouldn't be here) saying: "It's 19 degrees. Eat your heart out."

Now I ask you, is that anyway for **The Editor** to treat her Managing Editor. Notice how her title gets set in bold face and mine doesn't? She plays these psychological power games hoping to break me and force me out. Little does she know that only works on people who think.

Anyway it seems everything's okay in **Canada's** badlands, which translates into her sister and family are all doing fine. Do we really care? It's bad enough that our own **Jeff Rosen** fills his office with pictures of his new baby daughter **Jordana** and wife **Lisa** drops in with the wonder child to disrupt our very regimented routine.

Now I've got to hear about a kid I don't even know, have never seen and never want to, especially when her aunt is **Patricia Rucker.** I can just picture this sweet little 19-month-old baby bossing everybody around while drinking a **Diet Coke** and chewing on a licorice stick.

Actually, both **Jordana** and **Alice** are beautiful children, but don't let **Jeff** or the dragon lady know I said that. The last thing I need is a blow-by-blow description of the little darlings formative years.

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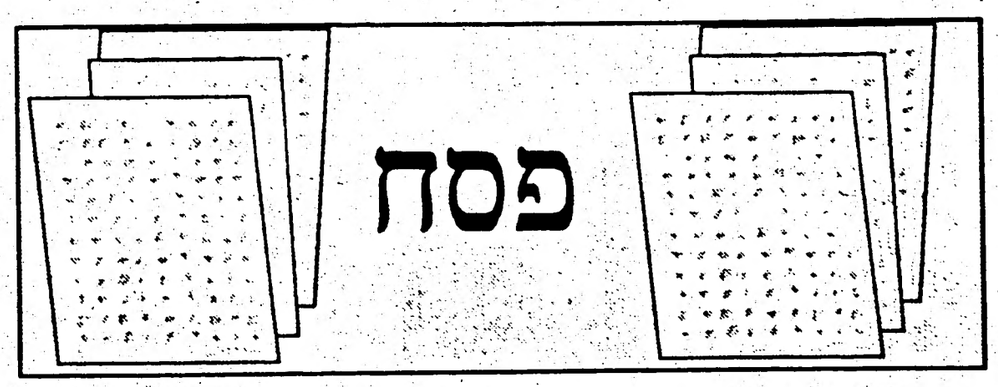
Passover trips offer something for all



NEW YORK —

So you're trying to figure out what all the Passover programs are offering. Here's a tip . . . tax not included!

Every ad promises everything. Some try to get your attention with a catchy slogan or two. But here's how to tell the difference and decide what's best for you.

The old maxim "you get what you pay for" applies as well to Passover vacation programs. The better the hotel, the higher the room rate they charge. That's obvious. But what is more important is the food and service. The better hotels obviously give you better service. That costs more, so they charge more.

Eatings: The star and diamond system is still the best way to tell. The Auto Club rates hotels by awarding diamonds, one to five, five being best; Mobil awards stars on the same one to five scale.

Very few hotels in the United States are rated either 5-star or 5-diamond and only a handful or so have been awarded both 5-stars and 5-diamonds. A Passover program at such a hotel is almost certainly an excellent choice — but expect the cost to reflect the high rating. You can find out the hotel's rating by calling the hotel or by checking the listing in the Auto Club or Mobil travel guides.

Entire hotel: Some programs advertise that the entire hotel will be kosher for Passover. In the past, this has been checked by calling the hotel directly and making a reservation for Easter weekend which almost always coincides with Passover — it does so this year as well. One such hotel confirmed that the pool bar would be selling sandwiches during Easter weekend and that there would be an Easter brunch.

Crowd type: You can usually tell the type of crowd the tour operator seeks to attract if the ad proclaims things like shmura matzah only and separate swimming. Select this type of tour if these things are important to you.

Rates: Sales, specials and discounts are prevalent in practically all promotions. Once again, resort to an old maxim "there's no free lunch." Nobody gives away anything for free and if it's too good to be true, double and triple check to make sure you know what you're getting and how much you're paying for it. Remember, you're likely to get exactly what you paid for.

Travel agents: Tour operators are beginning to be more careful in giving away commissions to travel agents. One tour operator told us that he's always amazed at the volume of callers who claim to be travel agents. Also, some travel agents offer to rebate a portion of their commission to the client. This does not endear them to tour operators.

In response, some tour operators have lowered the commission they offer and do not offer a commission at all if you call first and then have your travel agent call to book and ask for the commission. So if you use a travel agent, let the agent do the work for you. They usually do it well. If you do all the digging yourself, tell your travel agent whom you've already called.

Travel insurance: Always a good idea. Every year, there are tours that cancel and operators that change names. It's not easy to keep track of all this but you can at least ask the tour operator what they've done before, where and for how long. Ask for names for references.

This year, there's an additional item of uncertainty. Throughout the country many hotels are in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy or in foreclosure and run by the bank. Many are looking for a buyer and may yet change hands before Passover. These are all unpredictable factors. Again, ask these questions of the tour operator and even directly from the hotel — but get travel insurance as well.

All in all, treat your Passover vacation at least as carefully as any other. Know that, as always, you'll get what you pay for and check and double check the promises made by the tour operator, your travel agent, the advertisements and brochures. Just one more thing in life that should be easier come Moshiach.

Tour programs visit Russia

Canadian Travel Abroad Ltd. of **Toronto** has launched a series of tour programs to **Russia, Ukraine** and other destinations in **Europe** and **Scandinavia.**

Company president **Himo Mansour** says the New Europe program kicks off with a nine-day "Art and theatre celebration." Using **Lufthansa** airlines, the program includes visits to **Moscow** and **St. Petersburg**, with sightseeing tours and a theatre ticket in each city.

Fifteen departures are scheduled between April 12 and Oct. 25, with prices starting at $2,345 per person.

The 16-day **Golden Ring** tour includes visits to **Moscow,** the ancient fortress city of **Vladmir,** the medieval town of **Suzdal,** the museum house of the great **Russian** composer, **Tchaikovsky** in **Tver** (formerly **Kalinin**), the 1,100-year-old city of **Novgorod, Pskov,** and **St. Petersburg** before returning to **Canada** from **Helsinki, Finland.** Prices for this tour start at $3,359 and five departures are scheduled between May 6 and Sept. 9.

The New Ukraine is featured on a 17-day program of the same name with visits to **Kiev, Chernovtsy, Ternopol, Lvov** and **Yalta.** Prices start at $2,999. Departures begin April 10 and include 10 dates through Oct. 9.

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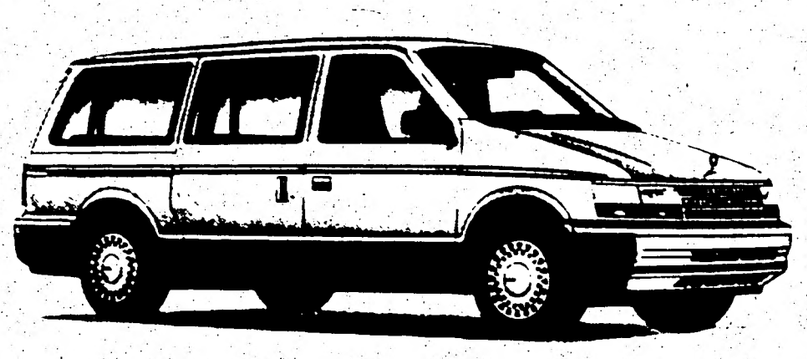

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Family firms find counselling

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
Many family businesses in Canada do not make it through the second generation, says Norman Auslander, a management and career consultant whose specialty is counselling on family relationships in business.

"Parents who invest time, energy and money in the development of a healthy working relationship with their sons or daughters will most likely succeed in perpetuating the family business," says Auslander.

In many family situations, he explains, the owner-parents believe that they should be able to work out their problems with their children on their own.

"This is difficult because parental and business roles are likely confused. An impartial third party is better able to foster the building of a healthy business relationship. The significant outcome of counselling has been building an open, trusting relationship between the principals so they can focus on business results and the future.

Auslander says that although most owner-parents would like to see their family business eventually run by their children and grandchildren, "unfortunately, only 30 per cent last through the second generation."

He believes that these statistics can be improved by dealing with the communications problems between the generations. "Investing in the development of a healthy parent-son/daughter working relationship is comparable to investing in production, product and service development. The return on relationship-building can have a significant impact on the company's return on investment."

Norman Auslander

Auslander, who along with private consultations, conducts workshops on a variety of human resource management topics, holds a degree in science. He attended graduate studies in adult education and counselling psychology at the University of Toronto.

Auslander worked in his family business in Philadelphia. He is a former executive vice president of the supermarket division of Steinberg Inc.

He works with his wife Betty Auslander, a senior consultant with Auslander Management Consultants who specializes in organization diagnosis, problem solving, organization and people development. She has a masters degree in business administration from McGill University and earned a masters degree in environmental studies at York University.

Our younger people, says Auslander, have been brought up with some affluence which their parents probably didn't have. They usually have more formal education than their parents and a different lifestyle. Parents often look at this as spoiled because their children do not want to work 24 hours a day.

"The founder-parent is usually a human-doer while sons and daughters are seeking a balance between human-doing and human-being. The parent speaks of family first but lives business first. Their offspring usually reverse the priority and seek a balance.

Auslander teaches that to succeed, an adult-to-adult relationship must be reached. "What is created is positive energy forces in the business and away from confusing and hurtful relationships."

In the first step of counselling, Auslander provides a free one and a half hour consultation. This gives all the involved parties an opportunity to decide whether they want to go ahead with this service. When a commitment has been made, sessions are scheduled. The content and format of the sessions will vary to meet the needs of the participants.

Some of the topics in building relationships include, clarifying the role of each in the business, clarifying succession, working together on the same goals, dealing with problems in a timely fashion and identifying sales and profit opportunities.

Auslander believes that when we have growth and harmony within an organization that deals with individuals, teams and systems, "then we can better compete in the marketplace."

Factory closure affects retailers

By
IDELE ROSS

ST. CATHARINES —
One of the first sectors to feel the impact when GM closes two local plants will be the retail community, much of which is owned by Jewish families.

"It's devastating news not just for the Jewish community but for all of St. Catharines." says Gary Nepon, owner of Seapack Industrial Cleaners who has been associated with GM for 23 years. "We are all watching developments closely, especially those people in retail."

Norman Kraus, president of Congregation B'nai Israel and a retailer, is optimistic another industry will take over the closed factories.

"I think there's a spectre of uncertainty hanging over the city right now. And in our congregation are many families beholden to GM, in scrap metal and so on. But we'll survive as we always have."

Kraus says that a discussion of the economic ramifications of the GM closures is not on the official agenda of the congregation but it is definitely a topic of discussion at social gatherings.

Surviving a job loss

TORONTO —
Are you concerned about losing your job — or faced with the unsettling choice of accepting or rejecting a voluntary separation or early retirement package? The corporate buyouts and reorganizations of recent years and the accompanying staff cutbacks have sent a very strong message to employees — job security is no longer a fact of life.

What can you do — is there any possibility of finding contentment with a career in the 1990s?

In their recently released book, Parting company, "How to Survive the Loss of a Job and Find Another Successfully," William J. Morin and James C. Cabrera, chairman and president, respectively, of Drake Beam Morin, a leading human resource management consulting firm, offer reassuring and practical advice for making informed career decisions and provide the building blocks you need to cope with the uncertainty of today's job market.

The basic premise of Parting Company reflects Drake Beam Morin's philosophy: individuals, not employers, must be responsible for their own careers. "If you think your job may be in jeopardy, it is important to recognize the warning signals," explains Denis St. Amour, President of Drake Beam Morin-Canada Inc. "Understanding these indicators and conducting a realistic appraisal of your circumstances will help you assume a degree of control over the situation."

Parting Company offers tips on how to recognize the seven danger signs. They are:

1. You Hate Your Job.

If you really feel negative about your job and do nothing to remedy the situation, you will probably be terminated within a year. Even if you try to hide these feelings, you will subconsciously telegraph them to the people you work with. Most of us simply don't have very good poker faces.

2. You "Lose Your Voice."

If people at work — superiors, coworkers or subordinates — stop communicating with you, your job is in danger. If you are no longer invited to committee meetings, cease to be assigned to tough projects or find yourself excluded from work-related social events, you should hear an alarm.

3. You Get Negative Feedback.

Too often, employees only listen for positive remarks during performance reviews and forget that the most important comments are the ones that are the toughest to accept. Or, you may convince yourself, that no matter what your boss says about your work: "He'd never fire me; he likes me too much." That's a very risky assumption.

4. The Economy is Working Against You.

Today, it should come as no surprise to any Canadian that doing the job doesn't necessarily make the position secure. Perhaps the fact that the new product isn't selling or that the

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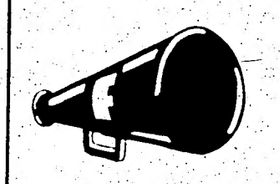

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Firm outlines the advantages concerning computer systems

By
JOSEPH SERGE

Computers are everywhere — from your child's latest toy to your car and new washing machine.

Businesses of all sorts and sizes have also made the jump from tonnes of paperwork to microchips, understanding the importance of having computers in the workplace.

"A computer system can streamline your operation and give you more time to think and less time to do donkey-work," said Robert Cherniak of Cherniak Giblon and Company, which designs information systems and acts as a consultant to industries.

"Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) gives quick interchange with customers and suppliers," said Cherniak. "The more information you have today, the quicker you can react to the rapidly changing world around you."

Notable technical expertise

Located in Thornhill, Cherniak Giblon brings to each client high standards and technical expertise in a broad range of industries. It can design and implement computer systems, custom-built to fit the requirements of its varied clients, which include chartered accountants, small businesses, the CN Tower, a summer camp, Garrett Canada (an aerospace company), travel agents, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Downsview, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

As client needs are determined, appropriate specialists are formed into project teams to provide each client with personalized quality service.

Beth Emeth, for instance, needed a computer system to streamline operations and provide membership information to replace an overworked and underpowered single-user personal computer.

Cherniak Giblon adapted and enhanced some existing modules for membership management and developed systems to keep records for yahrzeit management and to send out notices. It provided accounting systems and interfaced them with the membership management system.

"Beth Emeth has confidence in the correctness of its membership for the first time in years," said Cherniak. "It is beginning to evaluate and enhance its programming based on the demographic data provided by the system."

When the Federation of Greater Toronto needed a system to upgrade its offices, Cherniak Giblon provided a basic system (word processing, financial planning and database) for them.

"The computer system helps us tremendously," said Allan Reitzes of the federation. "It lends a tremendous amount of efficiency. It makes it possible for a couple of people to do what otherwise many people would have to do."

Modern technology has produced a new phobia: Some people, especially older ones, are afraid of using computers.

"We try to make the system easy to learn and easy to use," Cherniak said. "We tell them (first-time users) it's not going to hurt them and they're not going to hurt it.

Part of everyday living

"We try very hard to give comprehensive materials that are easy to read, assume nothing and have elements of fun in them," he said.

If you think computers have come a long way in the last decade, there's more in store.

"There's a little lifetime left for the keyboard as we know it," Cherniak said. "There are now already systems that recognize human voices and these will get more sophisticated."

Cherniak said even the commonly used "mouse" will have limited use in the future. Devices like a glove which fits over the hand and reacts to its movements may become commonplace.

"Computers will become far more important but less noticeable," he said. They will be so much a part of everyday life, people won't even notice their presence.

Book addresses danger signals

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competitors are taking market share from the company is not your fault, but it may turn out to be your problem.

5. You're Not Personally Productive.

Most corporations share at least one priority today: a determination to increase the productivity and competitiveness of their operations. Even if the company is having a record year, if you are not producing, sooner or later, the system will not be able to carry you.

6. You Miss Objectives.

Many people keep busy, but don't accomplish the things they were hired to do. If you confuse priorities, or if you don't manage your time well, your position will not remain secure.

7. You Fail to Change.

If the bottom line in your career is "I'm going to stay with this company," rather than "I'm going to grow and change with this company," you run the risk of losing your job. If you want to continue to be a part of the business, you must be willing to adapt to change.

Be aware that if you are experiencing one or more of these danger signs, your job may be in jeopardy. You may want to take some action yourself or, if you are offered a voluntary separation or early retirement package, you may want to give it very serious consideration.

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Fashion

"Eurostyle" line offers classic togs with top workmanship

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

The immediate rush of Hazelton Lanes disappeared when I walked into the boutique.

I was greeted with the strains of a familiar classical music piece, lush yet homey surroundings and a friendly smile from Sharonanne Crump, boutique manager of Wenger-Chic International. It was like I was being welcomed into someone's living room.

While Crump pulled together some of the outfits that were to be featured in Wenger-Chic International spring line up, I did a little looking on my own.

The first thing I noticed was the detailing that was featured on the garments. From the buttonwork (some that were handpainted) to the embroidery, the workmanship was fabulous.

Crump says that the company's mainstay is the 100 percent cotton white blouse. There are many styles from which to choose and the varied detailing means that each piece holds a different appeal.

Crump summed up the collection when she says that the clothing is European in detailing but classic in appearance — without being dowdy.

Although the line is imported from Austria, Crump says the clothing can be described as Eurostyle because the term encompasses a number of looks.

Within the collection, there is a two-piece printed outfit which features a long skirt and riding-style blazer that definitely looks British.

Different garments tend to resemble other nationalities such as Italian and German. Eurostyle describes the whole package.

The Austrian Wenger-Chic International label is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. Alois and Margit Wenger are the second generation to run the company.

Crump says the collection is primarily situated at better price points due to the quality and the timeless fashions the line offers.

Wenger's garments can also be termed as investment dressing. Crump explains that pieces can be bought to co-ordinate the customer's wardrobe from season-to-season, separate garments may be purchased or an entire wardrobe.

The two-piece prints can be teamed with a co-ordinated blazer, a different length of skirt or knitwear to create a unique look for the customer.

Crump adds that everyone's taste can be accommodated. "When the line moves from the cheery colors to the soft pastels to the oatmeals, there is something for everyone."

"I am anticipating a good spring and I think we are offering a fresh, clean, up-beat line."

Wenger-Chic International also carries unique Austrian jewelry, perfume, belts, scarves and Doppler umbrellas.

In addition to day dressing, the boutique shows a line of after-five apparel and evening wear.

Crump describes the evening line as romantic. Silk skirts and blouses available in a host of colors, provide one look that men find appealing, she says.

These outfits have a Victorian feeling with a daring hint of sexuality.

"I truly believe in the line ... I think it is amazing and that shows in my own personal wardrobe," Crump says, gesturing towards her Wenger-Chic International short sweater and long skirt in black with a red and green pattern.

Terrific clothing is one thing but without customer service, the boutique would be nowhere.

Crump explains that their customer mailing and phone list is one way of keeping in touch with what the customer wants. Crump adds that after a while, she and her staff begin to see certain pieces that will fit a customer's wardrobe.

Wenger-Chic International operates boutiques in both Toronto and Montreal. The Toronto location opened in August 1989 in Hazelton Lanes and in Montreal, the boutique opened in 1990.

Peter Staniek, the chief executive officer in Montreal, says that he is looking forward to a healthy spring and fall. He adds that while the clothing industry is suffering, his company can report a different picture.

"While the picture is not rosy, sales, particularly at Hazelton Lanes have notched up considerably," he says.

He adds that in either July or August, the Montreal boutique will be moving to Ogilvy's, a local fashion department store that is equal to Henri Bendel in New York.

A company representative mentions the popularity of the Wenger label in Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Norway as well as Japan and Canada and believes Wenger will be recognized as the designer of the 90's in Europe.

The mix-and-match element that is seen in the Wenger-Chic International collection adds to the appeal of the garments. In spite of the clothes classic-traditional appeal fashioned into a contemporary silhouette, they have a youthful, even joyful vitality and elegance on their own. One gets the feeling of Ralph Lauren combined with European sophistication. Perhaps this is due to the fact that the firm's young design team is inspired by baroque traditions and the music of Mozart. (Marie-Josee Crete photos)

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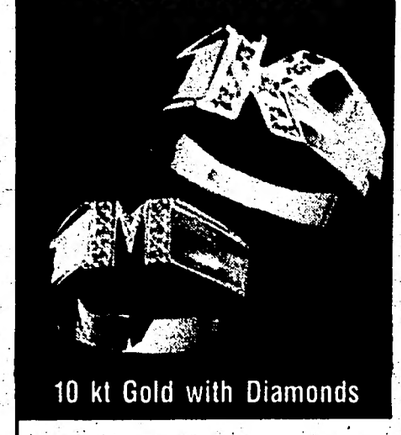
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Shaare Zedek devoted to kids' needs

JERUSALEM —
The big teddy bear sitting on the chair has a badge which reads: "I may not be perfect, but parts of me are excellent!"

This is the philosophy of Dr. Naomi Amir, director of Shaare Zedek Medical Centre's Department of Pediatric Neurology, where children suffering from a wide range of handicaps are treated.

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Dr. Naomi Amir gives encouragement to a young patient in the department of pediatric neurology at Shaare Zedek.

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Leah, aged nine, was referred because her difficulty with arithmetic suggested a possible learning disability. A brainwave scan revealed petit mal epilepsy which was then controlled by medical therapy, resulting in a great improvement in Leah's school performance.

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